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## Portfolio

The Times Portfolio competition daily prize of £2,000 was won yesterday by Mr Ben Howarth of Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire. Portfolio list, page 14; how to play, Information Services, back page.
On Saturday readers have the chance to win £22,000; £20,000 in the weekly Portfolio competition, as well as the daily £2,000.

## Sharon will continue to fight 'Time'

Mr Ariel Sharon, fresh from his legal battle in New York in which he failed to win damages from *Time* magazine, returned to Israel promising to pursue the case in Israel.

## Kasparov win

Gary Kasparov, the challenger, won the 47th world chess championship game in Moscow after 32 moves. The match score is now 5-2 to Anatoly Karpov. Earlier report, page 6

## Farm freeze

Farmers face a bleak time if a European Commission proposal for a virtual standstill on EEC farm prices is accepted.
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## BBC1 changes

Changes for BBC1 announced yesterday include a new, high-technology weather forecast and a changed time for *Panorama*
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## 'Frail' Redgrave

Sir Michael Redgrave, the actor, who has Parkinson's disease, is "stable but very frail" in St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where he is undergoing checks. He is 76.

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Lucky Vane and Greasepaint were the leading fancies when the Grand National weights were announced yesterday. Burrough Hill Lad, top weight with 12st 5lb, misses the race
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# Opec agreement lifts pound and share prices

- **Opec ministers yesterday agreed on a new pricing system which will slightly lower its official oil price and narrow price differentials**
- **The pound gained 1.2 cents against the dollar rising to $1.1265, its highest level in three weeks, and raising hopes of a cut in base rates**
- **Share values rose by £4.6 billion, recouping much of £6.9 billion loss suffered since Monday. The FT 30 index rose 25 points to 986.7**
- **The Bank of England's Governor said the pounds slide could have been checked more easily if Britain had been a full member of the European Monetary System**

By David Young in Geneva and Jonathan Davis

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has effectively abandoned its system of setting a marker price for the world oil market. By a majority decision yesterday, the oil ministers agreed to introduce a new pricing system which will slightly lower Opec's average official oil price.

The ministers hope the reduction will be enough to restore stability to the world market and prevent a fresh round of price cuts.

In particular, Opec is hoping that the new deal, hammered out at a three-day emergency meeting in Geneva, will allow Britain to announce an unchanged price for North Sea oil early next week, thus averting the possibility of a damaging price war between Opec and non-Opec producers.

Sheik Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, said he had been in contact with Mr Peter Walker, Britain's Secretary of State for Energy, over the past few days to keep him informed of developments. "I am often in touch with him. He is a friend and Opec expects me to do so." Sheikh Yamani said.

The Saudi minister took pains to emphasize that Opec was not making any sizeable cut in prices. Under the new pricing system, the price of Arab light crude – the former "marker" price – will be cut from $29 a barrel to $28 a barrel. At the same time, the present $4 spread between the cheapest and most expensive grade of Opec oil will be narrowed to $2.40.

However, in exchange for narrowing the gap the oil producers have won an assurance from Nigeria that it will raise the price of its bonny light crude by 65 cents a barrel to $28.65, precisely the official price of North Sea crude, with which Nigerian oil output compares in quality.

Sheikh Yamani said yesterday that the new agreement will send the correct signals to the world oil markets that Opec can bring price stability and will enable Great Britain to match the Opec prices. "God knows, perhaps they will soon be able to announce a price rise," he said."

However, oil industry traders monitoring the meeting have been less than enthusiastic about the new agreement, particularly as it was not reached unanimously, and Algeria, Libya and Iran are insisting on sticking to the previous pricing system.

The decision by Iran was expected.

Mr Belkacem Nabi the Algerian oil minister, made a point of leaving yesterday's meeting with his arm around Sheikh Yamani to show his inability to accept the new system did not indicate any deep split between Algeria and Opec.

Although the maker price has been abandoned, Sheikh Yamani said the world should not interpret the move as a considerable price cut. The previous Opec weighted average price was be $28.25 a barrel while the new weighted average would be $27.96, a cut-of only 29 cents.

However, the effect on Opec could be considerable. It has been estimated that the new system will mean an annual loss of revenue for Opec countries as a whole of $2.5 billion.

Yesterday's deal was greeted cautiously by oil traders. News of the agreement helped to push the price of North Sea oil on the "spot market" up by around $0.50 a barrel, though other types of oil showed smaller gains.

Traders said it would take several days for the market to decide whether Opec could make the new agreement stick.

The Government and the British National Oil Corporation, the state-owned trading body, refused to say what the next move on North Sea oil prices was likely to be. BNOC said it had "noted" the agreement.

# City hope of early cut in base rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound rose to its highest level for three weeks yesterday, and a mood of confidence returned to the City. An early reduction in bank base rates is now expected.

The news that the Organization for Petroleum Exporting Countries had reached agreement on price differentials was treated in the City as a signal that the immediate crisis for sterling is over. The pound rose strongly, gaining 1.2 cents, to $1.1265 against the dollar, later rising to over $1.13 in New York.

The sterling index rose to 71.4, up 0.6 on the day, its highest closing level since January 10.

In the money markets, interest rates fell as sharply as they had risen on Monday. The key three-month interbank rate closed at 12⅜-12⅛ per cent, down 1½ points on Tuesday's close.

Share prices rose strongly, the FT-30 share index rising 25.5 to 986.7, and the wider FT-SE 100 share index gaining 28 points to 1277.3. Share values rose by £4.6 billion yesterday, recouping much of the £6.9 billion loss recorded on Monday and Tuesday.

Sterling's rise, and the sharp fall in money market interest rates, has opened the door for the high street banks to cut their base rates and reverse Monday's rise. Yesterday's closing three-month interbank rate is consistent with a 12 per cent base rate, compared with the current 14 per cent.

The feelings in the City last night was that although an immediate base rate cut could take place, the Bank of England may encourage the high street banks to delay the cut. About midday yesterday, the Bank of England was offered an opportunity to cut its dealing rates and so signal a base rate reduction, but it refused.

The authorities are anxious to ensure that sterling's new-found strength does not quickly disappear, and that some sort of equilibrium is established in the money markets before base rates are cut.

Even so, the likelihood of an early downward move in base rates should mean that home-buyers escape still higher mortgage rates. The building societies are meeting at the end of next week to discuss rates.

On the foreign exchanges, the change in sentiment on the pound was attributed to an end, albeit temporary, of the uncertainties surrounding oil prices.

# EMS 'would have aided sterling'

By Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

The pound might have suffered less from speculators if Britain had been a full member of the European Monetary System, the Governor of the Bank of England suggested yesterday.

Interviewed on the BBC Radio 4 *"Analysis"* programme, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton accepted that it would have been easier to check the pound's slide if it had been in the European "snake" of currencies whose exchange rates are fixed against each other. And he said that "what has happened has sharpened the interest in this very important and fundamental issue."

Mr Leigh-Pemberton's views, which reflect the Bank of England's tradition of greater enthusiasm for the fixed-rate system, differs from the Chancellor's. Mr Nigel Lawson told the Treasury select committee of MPs on Monday that it would not have made "any difference whatever" if Britain had been a member

Yesterday he gave further hints of a tough Budget saying that lower taxation could not be achieved "without successfully tackling the problem of public expenditure".



New style: Mr Whitty (right) stepping out with Mr Kinnock after his selection (Photograph: Dod Miller).

# Whitty alerts Labour after easy win

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Labour's national executive yesterday elected Mr Larry Whitty, aged 41 and a trade union research officer, as the party's new general secretary.

But within an hour of the result being declared on the steps of the party's south London headquarters, Mr Whitty issued a warning: "Organization can not cure political ills, it can not cure political failure."

Mr Whitty won the £25,000 post as head of the party machine by a nine-vote majority, with 17 votes, against the eight cast for Mrs Helen Liddell, the party's Scottish secretary, on a show of hands.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader, voted for the victor and Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, voted for Mrs Liddell, but Mr Kinnock said afterwards that there was a "widespread acceptance" that Mr Whitty was the man for the job.

"It proved to be an embarrassment of riches, but Larry won by a very, very clear margin. He's going to keep on winning by a very, very clear margin," Mr Kinnock said.

The job brings a £9,000 pay rise and a party car for Mr Whitty, who works for the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union and once worked as a full-time civil servant in Mr Tony Benn's private office at the old Ministry of Technology.

Although he had no blueprint for reform, Mr Whitty said that he planned radical change and promised the ability to be ruthless and to take "harsh decisions" to achieve his priority task of gearing the machine up for election victory.

"Too often the party machine has not been seen as meeting the needs of the party in the country. There is an overwhelming consensus in the party that we need to make a fresh start on organization," Mr Whitty said.

"I believe there's a responsibility at all levels of the party to overcome the difficulties of the past, the appearance of disunity, and I believe that today the national executive are determined to make a start on the organizational side."

Mr Benn and other members of the left-wing Campaign group joined Mr Kinnock in voting for Mr Whitty, who yesterday accepted a "soft-left" label.

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# Kinnock agrees to pit strike debate

By Julian Haviland
Political Editor

Mr Neil Kinnock and the Labour Shadow Cabinet yielded last night to weeks of pressure from within the party and decided to debate the miners' strike in the Commons on Monday.

Their decision showed increasing confidence that the Government is vulnerable to political attack, and also that the National Union of Mineworkers, having agreed to negotiate without preconditions, has placed itself in a more favourable light.

Two weeks ago, in angrily resisting demands from left-wing Labour MPs that he should initiate a Commons debate, Mr Kinnock said that to expose the split in the NUM by holding a debate would be "scratching at the wounds" of the miners.

- The latest peace initiative in the coal strike survived another day of unproductive exchanges between miners' leaders and the National Coal Board yesterday (our Labour Editor writes).

A war of nerves is developing between the board and the NUM with each side refusing toback down on its terms for a resumption of full negotiations.

Mt Arthur Scargill, NUM president, argued last night that assurances given by the board at two meetings and during telephone conversations over the past few days "led us to believe and still lad us to believe that there could be a resumption of negotiations without preconditions".

He was speaking outside Congress House in London at the close of a day-long session of the NUM national executive, which unanimously voted not to give a written undertaking to the board that the union will discuss the closure of uneconomic pits when the main negotiations begin.

Miners' leaders said they would go into serious talks only if the board removed its precondition; the board has insisted from the outset that the union must give a written assurance that the agenda for negotiations will include the closure of "uneconomic" capacity.

There was an exchange of letters between the two sides yesterday, culminating in the NUM restating its readiness to take part in talks without strings. The 26 members of the executive then dispersed to their hotels and will meet again this morning to discuss their next step.

There was no immediate response to the union's proposition from the board last night, but according to union sources the board's letter to the union did not restate the long-standing requirement for a written guarantee that the shutting of loss-making pits must be on the agenda of any talks. The board's position on the issue is well known however.

# Amnesty call for sacked miners

By Craig Seton

**Demands for the reinstatement of nearly six hundred men dismissed during the miners' dispute is likely to become as big an issue, and as explosive, as that of "uneconomic" pits and could jeopardize the outcome of any new peace talks between the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Coal Board.**

**Union branches whose members have been dismissed for offences such as coal theft, violence, arson and breaches of mining rules are making it clear that an amnesty must be an integral part of any return-to-work formula, or the dispute could break out after a national settlement.**

**Mr Cliff Sellars, branch president of Grimethorpe colliery in South Yorkshire, where a number of strikers were**

The receiver appointed to take charge of the National Union of Mineworkers' £8 million assets has recovered nearly £5 million and paid the £200,000 contempt of court fine on the union
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dismissed after conviction of coal theft, said yesterday: I would sooner lose on economic pits than on reinstatement."

About thirty men have been reinstated in North Deryshire, on condition that they gave up the strike and resumed work. A total of 620 miners have lost their jobs during the 11-month dispute but 38 have been reinstated on appeal.

A total of 9,372 people, most of them strikers, have been arrested during the dispute and many are still to be dealt with by courts for alleged serious offences.

Mr Sellars and other Grimethorpe officials conceded that it might be impossible to succeed in obtaining the reinstatement of men convicted of serious offences but he said that the union must and would defend those whose offences had been committed while acting in the union's interests.

He predicted that if a national settlement did not include an amnesty for dismissed men whom branch officials believed should have been reinstated, the fight for them would go on after a return to work and could involve industrial action at individual pits.

Coal board officials privately indicate that Mr Ian MacGregor, their chairman, has set his face against any national amnesty, which is thus likely to become one of the dominant themes of any new peace talks.

One official said that the question of dismissal was left to the area and pit managers. There was no central directive on the issue from the board.

In Kent miners lost their jobs after "occupying" the pit and

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# Teachers to start industrial action

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Schools in England and Wales are to face disruption much sooner than expected as the biggest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers, is today to announce its unilateral industrial action, planned for next week.

The decision, to move directly to disruptive action rather than wait until the outcome of a further meeting of the Burnham negotiation committee, is likely to exacerbate divisions among the teaching unions.

While there is agreement that the 4 per cent offer made by the local authority employers on Monday night is unacceptable, the other unions would rather exhaust negotiations than take what they regard as precipitate no-cover action.

The NUT, which has 230,000 members, believes that it needs a lever to force a better offer out of the management at the next meeting of Burnham.

Relations between the two unions soured recently over the NUT topedoing talks on a new salary structure for the profession. The employers had offered an average of a 10 per cent increase to teachers in return for a new contract, specifying duties, and assessment of performance.

Mr Doug McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the NUT, said the employers had made a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer.

The second biggest union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, which has 120,000 members is not averse to taking action in support of the pay claim, but believes there should be further negotiations.

The NUTs decision to go for unilateral no-cover action, which is likely to involve teachers in refusing to undertake lunchtime supervision and refusing to cover for absent colleagues, is likely to cause a rift with the NAS/UWT.

# Red Cross team told to leave camp

From Paul Vallely
Addis Ababa

A team of Red Cross doctors and nurses was expelled from an Ethiopian refugee camp after reporting to the Red Cross headquarters in Geneva that the camp was in the grip of a cholera epidemic.

The medical personnel, all Europeans and members of the League of Red Cross Societies, were working in a camp at Asayta in the eastern province of Wollo. The instruction came without explanation, the doctors say.

It came from the headquarters of the Ethiopian Red Cross and the League of Red Cross Societies in Addis Ababa. The doctors, who now work in another refugee camp in Wollo, refuse to elaborate on who was behind the decision.

They have asked not to be named for fear of jeopardizing their work among the victims of the disease, which they say is also present at their new camp.

Their report went shortly before Christmas to the Red Cross in Geneva, the Ethiopian Red Cross and the West German Red Cross. Soon afterwards they were told to leave Asayta, to go to Addis Ababa and remain there.

On January 18 the doctors wrote a further report – a copy

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# Cabinet view Stansted development as 'dead'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The proposal to develop Stansted airport in Essex to take 15 million passengers a year is dead because it would never get through Parliament, senior Cabinet ministers believe.

Even before last night's Commons vote against any expansion of Stansted, ministers were saying that the most contentious recommendation of the Eyre report could not be proceeded with.

Although the Government has yet to make its formal decision on the Stansted inspector's report, ministers believe that the growth in demand in the South-east will have to be accommodated by the provsion of a fifth terminal at Heathrow and a second runway at Gatwick.

Such a plan would also have to include the expansion of Manchester airport to meet the demands of the North and, equally important, to win the support of northern MPs for the developments in the South.

The unusual decision by the Government to hold yesterday's debate on a technical adjourn-

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# Golden news for staff-owned freight firm

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Big shareholders in the biggest and best known company to be bought by its staff, the National Freight Consortium, are well on the way to becoming millionaires, it emerged yesterday.

The former state-owned lorry and warehouse group, bought from the Government by its staff and banks for £53 million in 1982, is doing so well the original £1 share is now worth £8.60, according to the "fair value" set by the accountants Ernst and Whinney, and probably double that on the open market.

That means that the 50,000 shares owned by the deputy chairman, Mr David White, bought in 1982 for £50,000 are worth £430,000 within the group's "share trust" to which share dealing are restricted for the first five years, and £800,000 to £900,000 on the open market if he were allowed to sell. If the company is floated in 1987, they may be worth twice as much.



Sir Peter Thompson: Shares valued at £344,000.

Sir Peter Thompson, aged 56, the chairman who masterminded the staff purchase in 1981-82, is only slightly behind with 40,000 shares worth £344,000, or about £700,000 on the open market.

More than half the staff of 23,000 are shareholders; and other big holdings belong to Mr Philip Mayo, director of legal services, and Mr John Mather, group managing director, each worth more than £500,000

When the staff bought the company they undertook not to float it as a public company for five years; since the purchase shares prices have been set four times a year within the restricted market of staff and pensioners by independent valuation

Announcing a doubled operating profit (to £23.3 million) for the year ended in November, Sir Peter indicated yesterday that it would be up to the employee shareholders to decide whether to float and on what basis.

Since 1982 the consortium has spread to the United States, Australia, Hong Kong and Singapore.

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# Top industrialists to seek large export contracts with Chinese

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The most powerful overseas industrial trade mission the Government has assembled was announced yesterday by Lord Young of Graffham Minister without Portfolio, who is to lead 10 senior industrialists to China and Hong Kong at the end of February.

The Government is hoping to win job-creating export contracts worth many millions of pounds, in power station equipment, aircraft and aero engines, high technology communications and engineering products. China is regarded as one of the world's potentially most lucrative export markets.

Among the participants will be Lord King of Wartnaby, chairman of British Airways, who will be going in his capacity as chairman of Bacock International, the heavy engineering and power station equipment maker, and Mr Richard Giordano, chairman and group managing director of BOC and Britain's highest paid business executive.

Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, or the company's new chairman, Mr James Prior, the former Secretary of State or Northern Ireland, is expected to join the group.

Lord Young, former chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, who was elevated to a Cabinet post as the Prime Minister's jobs supremo, was chosen by Mrs Margaret Thatcher to lead the mission.

This follows her proposal that a high-powered mission visit China, which she put to the Chinese Premier, Mr Zhao Ziyang, when she visited Peking in December to sign the agreement on the future of Hong Kong.

Lord Young said yesterday: "This visit demonstrates very clearly that if we are to get unemployment down we have to earn our living in the world and this is one way of doing it."

Other members of the mission will be Mr John Glasscock, board member of British Aerospace; Sir Eric Sharp, chairman of Cable & Wireless; Mr Roger Kingdon, chief executive of Davy McKee (Stockton); Sir Duncan McDonald, chairman of Northern Engineering Industries; Mr Dennis Jackson, director of corporate strategy and international affairs for Rolls-Royce; Mr John Swinglehurst, director of Sedgwick Group, one of Britain's largest insurance brokers; and Mr Harry Harrison, chairman of Simon Engineering.

Exports to China last year rose to an estimated £317 million, including an exceptional delivery of £82 million of silver shipped by the Bank of England in June, compared with £160 million in 1983. But Japan has 46 per cent of OECD exports to China, the United States 18 per cent, West Germany 9 per cent and Britain only 2 per cent to 2.5 per cent.

Among the deals that could be concluded during the two-week visit is the supply of equipment for the £3.2 billion Guandong power station across the border from Hong Kong which GEC Turbines of Rugby has been close to winning. GEC orders for the station could total £1 billion and secure 8,000 jobs.

Other orders the mission members will be keen to discuss include the BAe 146 commuter jet, European Airbus airliners and involvement in China's proposed £25 billion modernization of its telecommunications system.

# Irish budget aimed at curbing smuggling

From Richard Ford
Dublin

The Irish Republic acted yesterday to curb smuggling and the cross-border spending spree in a budget that also simplified the country's VAT and tax system.

But smokers and motorists were hit hard by increases in the cost of cigarettes, petrol and car tax, although duties on beer and spirits remained unchanged. Reform of the tax system means good news for 220,000 people who will either see their taxes reduced or avoid paying any at all.

In a budget which Mr Alan Dukes, Minister for Finance, said would create the environment to increase employment, the government also indicated it would be relaxing its strict guidelines on borrowing. He said the overall level of Exchequer borrowing as a proportion of gross national product would not be reduced below the 1984 level.

In a reform of the widely-criticized VAT system, Mr Dukes reduced the number of rates from six to three, including abolition of the top 35 per cent rate.

Items in the top rate in future will carry VAT at 23 per cent and include radios, record players, detergents, soaps and toys. These are goods featuring heavily on shopping lists for people from the republic who have been pouring across the border to Northern Ireland where they are much cheaper. Excise duty on television sets was halved in an effort to stop smuggling from the North.

VAT on newspapers has been cut from 23 per cent to 10 per cent and to help tourism the rate on hotel accommodation, short-term car, caravan and boat hire has been cut

The budget also sought a simplification of the Republic's tax system

Mr Dukes said inflation was expected to fall below 6 per cent.



Ice Station Zebra: Mr Stewart Burgess, a British Telecom engineer, on maintenance work earlier this week at Greenlowther, in Dumfries and Galloway, which boasts the nation's biggest radio station. Beside him is his Snow-trac transport.

# Answering Dalyell 'could have led into deep waters'

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Detailed answers to an MP's questions on the sinking of the General Belgrano could have led Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, into fresh questions and sensitive areas, his private secretary told the jury trying Mr Clive Ponting, the official accused of leaking papers to the MP.

Mr Richard Mottram, the minister's secretary at the Ministry of Defence, was giving his second day of evidence yesterday in Mr Ponting's trial.

Mr Ponting, aged 38, an assistant secretary at the ministry, has pleaded not guilty to a breach of the Official Secrets Act in passing papers on the Belgrano to Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow.

Mr Mottram agreed that Mr Ponting, in preparing drafts for answers to points on the Belgrano raised by Mr Dalyell, and pointed out that information was not classified. But if Mr Heseltine were to engage in point to point refutations "other questions would take him into areas of sensitivity", the court was told.

Under cross-examination by Mr Bruce Laughland, QC, for Mr Ponting, Mr Mottram said there was no united front at the ministry to frustrate questions on the Belgrano affair.

He said: "It is the duty of Civil Servants to put up advice to ministers for their consideration which is true. It is for ministers to decide how they respond to committees and individuals in the House. It is ministers who are accountable to the House and not officials."

Earlier, Mr Mottram was taken through the documents on the Belgrano affair at the ministry last year when Mr Dalyell was pressing for details and there was debate on handling information.

At one stage, Mr John Stanley, Minister for the Armed Forces, argued against giving any more information on the Belgrano.

As Mr Dalyell continued to press questions including the Commons, Mr Stanley advised Mr Heseltine to answer: "It is not our practice to comment on military operational matters or details of military operations."

Mr Ponting at the time said that that reply could not be sustained because information about the Belgrano had already been given by the Prime Minister. Mr Heseltine concluded that he would answer questions by saying that the Prime Minister had covered the ground.

The Secretary of State also recognized that Mr Stanley's line would take him into inconsistencies. He ruled that he would use Mr Stanley's suggestion only where professional advice said there was a genuine security risk in giving an answer.

In giving his advice, Mr Stanley talked about the "depth of water the Secretary of State would get into if he were to send" a detailed reply to Mr Dalyell prepared by Mr Ponting.

Mr Mottram was asked if the phrase did not refer to embarrassment, but the Civil Servant disagreed and said it meant that Mr Stanley feared that Mr Heseltine would be forced into "deep water from a security point of view".

Asked if that were true although the material Mr Dalyell had sought was not sensitive, Mr Mottram said it was "not a process that ends there". He accepted that the material had now come into the public domain without damaging security.

There was also, however, the question of speculation which led into areas where ministers could not answer.

At the beginning of the day Mr Justice McCowan commented for the first time on Channel Four's nightly version of the day in court about which he had made an order under the Contempt Act. Mr Laughland said the programme was not antiseptic but anaesthetic.

The judge told him that the programme had scrupulously obeyed his order by using newsreaders instead of actors. He said he had nothing to complain of so far.

The case continues today.

# Aslef bid to end flexible shift

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Leaders of the train drivers' union, Aslef, have given notice to British Rail that it intends to withdraw from the agreements on flexible rostering, the issue at the heart of the rail strikes in 1982.

Aslef officials gave notice at a meeting with British Rail last week that they wanted to end the working arrangements and said they would put their position formally in writing, which they have yet to do.

The union claims that the new rosters are inefficient and lead to inequalities in weekly payments. BR has countered that, while there have been problems in some depots, most drivers are happy with the system and some are earning more as a result.

Flexible rostering involved the removal of the industry's guaranteed eight-hour day, which was replaced by flexible shifts of between seven and nine hours a day but amounting on average to no more than 39 hours a week over an eight-week period.

BR officials say they have tried to balance payments but admit there have been "niggling" problems since the system was introduced late in 1982. They argue that when the hours worked are more than 39 a week they pay overtime, and when they are less they do not deduct pay.

Aslef's refusal to accept flexible rostering led to two strikes in 1982 which cost BR around £175 million. The issue was settled by a ruling in the management's favour by Lord McCarthy's arbitration tribunal. It is likely that he will have to rule on rostering again if the Aslef move is processed right through the industry's negotiating machinery.

Flexible rostering would add to the morass of negotiating problems facing BR, arising from the effects of the coal strike, sympathetic "blacking" by the unions and its attempt to bring in long-awaited productivity improvements.

There is also growing concern at Rail House over the state of 2,500 coal wagons which have been stranded, fully loaded, since the pit strike started. If there is no sign of a breakthrough in the miners' dispute, BR is expected to call for an emergency meeting with its unions to get the blacking lifted and the coal trains moving.

BR officials reiterated last night that more than 600 jobs are at risk because of the blacking, but equally the unions expressed their determination not to lift it until the miners' dispute is settled.

BR still needs to reach agreement with the National Union of Railwaymen on how many guards should be retained for commercial duties on the one-man operated trains on the Bedford-St Pancras commuter service. It was that £150 million service which started the long wrangle over flexible rostering.

# Four more held in gold case

By Richard Dowden

More armed police raids in London and the west country yesterday in connection with the £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery in 1983 led to the discovery of a further £230,000 of gold and the detention of four more people.

Scotland Yard said yesterday that at one stage 24 people were being held for questioning. Sixteen, including at least two women, are now detained.

In an operation which began at dawn on Tuesday, the police have recovered 40 kilograms of gold and a quantity of jewellry. Forensic science tests are being conducted to endeavour to identify the gold.

Meanwhile, police officers with spades and pickaxes were digging up the grounds of a house near Bath which belongs to Mr John Palmer, a jeweller. He owns the converted coach house at Battlefields, a gothic-style house set in three acres of woodland.

The search revealed slight traces of gold near a corrugated iron and earth smelter in woodland at the back of the house. Mr Palmer and his family are on holiday in the Canary Islands.

Three men are serving jail sentences for their part in the Brinks-Mat robbery.

Commander Frank Cater, head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad, who is heading the inquiry, spent yesterday at a house in Kent where 11 kilograms of gold was discovered on Tuesday.

## Computer post

A speedy courier service using computers, an improvement on Datapost, was launched by the Post Office yesterday.

# Union chief claims political hostility

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, Mr Kenneth Ashton, claimed yesterday that his political opponents were using a pensions inquiry involving him in an attempt to take control of the union.

In a statment issued to The Times, Mr Ashton said that he has been the subject of mounting hostility from some members of the union's national executive who wanted him removed for "political ends".

Mr Ashton said he had been requested to consider retiring early by members of the executive and was told by the present treasurer that his pension position would be honoured. However, Mr Ashton is not due for retirment for six years.

Mr Ashton said his opponents had seen an opportunity to seek his removal when one of the trustees of the pension fund questioned the executive's management of the fund in relation to the enhancement of his pension and that of Mr Narajan Paik, the union's finance officer. Mr Paik has since been totally exonerated.

Mr Ashton said: "It was widely reported at that time that I had been accused of improper conduct. This however was not the case and was confirmed not to be so by the union in a written reply to a letter from my lawyers."

The letter from the trustee to the executive was "seized upon by my autagonists", Mr Ashton said, to institute an inquiry which started at the end of last December. Mr Ashton and Mr Paik were told to take paid leave while the investigation lasted.

In the statement Mr Ashton says that it was "put to him" that his pension benefits might be improved in relation to his 1983 pay award, and that this was in line with union thinking on the subject. The new arrangement means that benefits payable on retirement at 65 would be 40/60ths rather than 33/66ths of his present salary, which is understood to be about £20,000.

Mr Ashton says that his contributions to the scheme's fund at 15 per cent are substantially in excess of the standard 6½ per cent of the annual salary.

The union's deputy general secretary, Mr Jacob Ecclestone, said last nigth it would be inappropriate for the union to comment until the disciplinary procedure had been completed.

# Legal aid denied to sue wife

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Law Society in Liverpool is to reconsider the case of an unemployed father of six who was refused legal aid to bring a maintenance claim against his former wife who is in a full-time job.

The refusal by the local Law Society has been condemned by the man's solicitor as a blatant case of sex discrimination.

Mr John Libby, aged 43, from Leasowe, Merseyside, divorced his wife last year on grounds of unreasonable behaviour after she left him and he was awarded custody of the couple's four youngest children.

He gave up his job as a part-time salesman to look after them but when he tried to sue his former wife for maintenance, his legal aid application was rejected.

Yesterday his solicitor, Mr Leslie Cheesman, said: "I handle a lot of family matters and in nine cases of 10 where it is the wife claiming maintenance there is no problem."

Last night Mr Peter Crook, the local legal aid secretary, said that the case would go before another committee because more information was available.

# Cost of borrowing is highest for 50 years

By Peter Wilson-Smith

The latest rise in interest rates has made the real cost of borrowing, after allowing for inflation, more expensive than for more than fifty years and personal borrowers are suffering accordingly.

With bank base rates at 14 per cent, overdrafts for personal customers now cost between about 17 per cent and 19 per cent compared with an inflation rate of less than 5 per cent. If a bank manager suggests a personal loan rather than an overdraft, the cost is likely to be considerably higher.

An unsecured personal loan of up to five years might carry an interest rate of 12 per cent, but the true rate or annual percentage rate could be nearly double. This is because banks usually charge interest on the whole of the sum outstanding at the beginning of the year and do not allow for repayments during the year.

Compared with the rates in other big Western countries, personal borrowers in Britain are having to pay a lot at present.

In West Germany, for instance, where inflation is running at just over 2 per cent, real interest rates are high but not as high as in Britain. Deutche Bank, the biggest German bank, is charging 10.5 per cent for personal overdrafts.

In the United States personal loan rates appear to be high, especially in relation to an inflation rate of about 4 per cent. But unlike in Britain and West Germany, personal borrowers can offset all their interest payments against tax.

Overdrafts barely exist in the US but a line of credit from Citibank in New York, which can be drawn on as required, at present costs 18 per cent. An unsecured personal loan of up to five years would cost 16.5 per cent and this is a true rate because interest is charged only on the amount outstanding.

The net cost of borrowing after tax is of course lower in the US. Someone paying tax at a top rate of 50 per cent would be paying only 8.25 per cent after tax on a personal loan.

Personal borrowing costs in Britain do not look so bad when compared with Latin America. In Brazil, for instance, where inflation is running at about 250 per cent this year, a personal loan from a bank could cost upwards of 300 per cent.

# Men have to work harder to earn their potatoes

By our Political Editor

It took a householder on average earnings nearly twice as long last year as the previous year to earn the price of a bag of potatoes.

Treasury figures published yesterday showed that 36.8 minutes' work was needed to earn enough in wages to buy a 14lb bag, against only 19.8 minutes in 1983.

But other basic foods, including bread, milk, bacon, sugar and butter were cheaper, as average earnings rose more quickly than inflation.

The figures were based on the retail price index and the pay of a married man on average male earnings with two children under the age of 11.

# NUM money back from Luxembourg

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Receiver appointed to take charge of the National Union of Mineworkers' £8 million assets has recovered the bulk of the money and paid the £200,000 fine imposed on the union for contempt of court.

The news was given to Mr Justice Mervyn Davies in the High Court in London yesterday by counsel for the receiver, Mr Michael Arnold, a chartered accountant.

Mr Peter Cresswell QC told the judge that after "lengthy, difficult and complicated negotiations with various parties" the Receiver had been paid the sum of £4.9 million which the union had transferred to Luxembourg.

The announcement came on the eve of a hearing over the bulk of the remainder of the assets, somee £2.7 million in the High Court in Dublin. Mr Arnold and the sequestrators appointed to seize the miners' assets will be laying claim to those funds, now frozen in the Bank of Ireland Finance.

There is also 260,000 US dollars frozen in court in Zurich, which the Receiver will move to recover after the Dublin hearing.

All the assets recovered will now be handed over to the sequestrators appointed by the High Court from Price Waterhouse, chartered accountant, when the union refused to pay its contempt of court fine.

Mr George Staple, solicitor for the sequestrators, said yesterday: "The sequestration continues to exist and anyone with funds belonging to the union is under an obligation to hand them to the sequestrators." Subject to any directions from the court, he said he expected the Receiver to hand over any balance.

The NUM will still have to purge its contempt, through undertakings to the court as to future behaviour, before the assets are released.

# Amnesty demanded for dismissed miners

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taking a BBC Television crew underground at the Betsbanger colliery. Others were dismissed for taking over the control room at Tilmanstone colliery.

In North Derbyshire a number of men lost their jobs when they staged a sit-in on the shaft headgear at a colliery. Like those in Kent, they were judged to have been in serious breach of the Mines and Quarries Act.

In the North-East the board has reemployed, on a day-to-day basis only, seven miners at Ellington colliery. Their futures will be decided after a national settlement.

In Warwickshire a number of men dismissed for minor offences have their cases listed for industrial tribunal after failing in their appeal to their pit manager.

Where the 620 miners have been dismissed, area by area: Yorkshire, 170; Nottinghamshire, 21; Warwickshire, 8; Kent, 40; North Derbyshire, 85; Western, 9; Scotland, 140; South Wales, 17; North East, 100-plus.

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Man in the news: Larry Whitty

# A position closer to 'centre of power'

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Mr Larry Whitty, the trade union official who was yesterday chosen as the Labour Party's next general secretary, has an educational background designed to "prepare him to run the country", according to close friends.

A civil servant before he became involved in the union movement, Mr Whitty, aged 41, shared a sense of frustration with many of his contemporaries of being further from the centre of power than an education at Latymer School, Hammersmith, west London, and St John's College, Cambridge, had prepared them for.

Mr Whitty, research officer for the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, entered the Civil Service after passing the Administration grade entrance examination in 1965. He quickly found himself working in Mr Tony Benn's private office at the then Ministry of Technology where he researched aricraft design.

In 1970, he was recruited to join the education department at the Trades Union Congress by its then head Mr Len Murray. A colleague in those days portrayed the move to the union labour movement as an attempt at "getting closer to the centre of power".

Mr Whitty remained at Congress House for three years, before joining the General and Municipal where he quickly became the trusted lieutenant of Mr David Basnett, the general secretary, who is a pivotal figure in relations between the two wings of the labour movement.

His ties with the Labour Party administration were strengthened with the launch of Trades Union for a Labour Victory, the fund-raising organization set up after the 1979 general election. As secretary, he has played a key role in persuading unions to give extra financial support to the party for general and local elections, and also passed on union concerns about inefficiency and lack of direction in party administration.

A union colleague said last night: "He is very easy to work with and he gets the best out of people because he both listens and manages to direct. He is a good administrator and works well when he is under pressure".

That ability to operate under pressure and work long hours surfaced most recently when he directed the water workers' strike in the winter of 1983. Colleges say that in spite of his appearance of being a "grey civil servam" he is a man with a sharp sense of humour, who has a habit of telling stories against himself.

One of his favourites refers to the planning for the "winter of discontent" in which he was heavily involved. The spectre of growing numbers of corpses going unburied is one of the chief memories of the strikes, and something for which Mr Whitty blames himself.

Mr Whitty is said to win the respect of colleagues because of his "breadth of understanding about the way unions work," which should stand him in good stead in his dealings with the unions in his new job.

# Whitehall pay claims top 15%

By Our Labour Staff

Unions representing 500,000 white-collar Civil Servants yesterday submitted pay claims to the Government of 15 per cent or higher in the first shot of what promises to be a bitter pay campaign this spring.

Each of the six main unions filed separate claims because of their failure to agree on a common one. The Civil and Public Services Association, representing low-paid clerical workers and the tax officers' union, the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, went for a £15 a week across the board increase. Executive officers, represented by the Society of Civil and Public Servants, want 15 per cent, as do senior civil servants in the First Division Association.

● Strikers at YKK, the Japanese zip company, voted by 126 to 69 to accept an improved pay offer worth more than 8 per cent, and will return to work today.

# Home computer distributor calls in the receiver

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

One of the distributors for Sinclair Research, the principal supplier of home computers to Britain's high street retailers, has gone into receivership.

The company, called Prism, which last year distributed about 30 per cent of the Sinclair product, once had annual sales of £30 million. The sinclair machines, for the immediate future, will be distributed by Terry Blood, a subsidiary of John Menzies.

The problems of Prism will be seen in the computer industry as another symptom of the competitiveness of the microcomputer market.

A statement from Prism said: "Due to a shortfall of contribution from its principal activities and a write-down in the value of software and product stocks, the group was unable to support its current trade and the new ventures."

# Appeal law change may be dropped

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government may be forced to withdraw its controversial plan to abolish a citizen's right of appeal when refused leave by courts to challenge a government decision.

Four peers, including Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, and Lord Elwyn-Jones, former Lord Chancellor, are leading a move that the much-criticized clause 43 be dropped from the Administration of Justice Bill, which enters its committee stage today.

The clause has already run into heavy criticism from peers

The Times overseas selling prices

# Weather computer and new time for Panorama in BBC1 changes

By Patricia Clough

A high-technology weather forecast and a different time for *Panorama* are among changes on BBC1 announced yesterday. They will be phased in from the middle of next month.

The weather forecast with the magnetized rubber clouds that are stuck on the chart by weathermen – "and fall off and slide around", Mr Michael Grade, the BBC1 controller says – will give way to a powerful television graphics computer that will show the weather evolving.

The forecaster will sit in his office at a computer terminal where he can conjure up moving satellite pictures and pressure charts and pictures showng humidity, rainfall, fog and so on.

The computer, which took two years to develop, will also produce "league tables" of the temperatures, rainfall and sunshine hours in different parts of the country, Mr Grade said.

*Panorama* will be moved from its old time, 8.10 pm, to 9.25 pm, after the nine o'clock news. The reason, Mr Grade said, was to permit the programme, which will last a minimum of 40 minutes, to go on longer when the events merit it. At present, no matter what happens in the world *Panorama* has to give way to the *News*.

New documentaries include *Olivier*, a three-part portrait of the actor, and *The Day the Universe Changed* an eight-part look at the origins of the modern Western way of life.

BBC 1 will also get an updated logo. The globe spinning against a moving map of the world will go after 15 years' service and be replaced by a transparent blue globe with the land masses in gold. A deep three-dimensional effect is created by the fact that the land masses, seen through the globe, appear dark.

The logo is created by the technology that is transforming some aspects of television. The old globe was an object the size of a tennis ball photographed live each time by a small camera; the new one is produced simply by a small box of microchips which at the press of a button transmit the image to the screen.

Terry Wogan's new three-day-a-week "chat show" is scheduled for 7pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, starting on February 18. On Tuesdays and Thursdays that time will be taken up by a new British soap opera, the *East Enders*.

There will be new series of *Miss Marple, The Last of the Summer Wine, The Two Ronnies, Fame, Only Fools and Horses* and *Are You Being Served?*

The success of Joan Hickson as Miss Marple has led to three more Agatha Christie mysteries, *The Moving Finger, Murder is Announced* and *A Pocketful of Rye*. A departure in television comedy will be a six-part series about four characters drying out in a hospital for alcholics, by Carla Lane, author of *Mistress*. Mr Grade recommended it to journalists as "marvellous, a very adventurous, high-risk programme".

# Grant cuts may force OU to drop courses

By Lucy Hodges
Education Correspondent

Further cuts to the Open University would cause serious academic damage to an institution which is setting the pace with its computer courses and company training programmes, it was claimed yesterday.

The university may have to reduce not only the quality but also the number of courses, Dr John Horlock, the vice-chancellor, said at the annual press conference to introduce new graduates. It may also have to reduce the number of students.

The university is waiting to hear what its budget will be for this year. It has been advised that the sum will be £59.1 million and that next year's will fall to £58.2 million, a reduction in real terms of 7 per cent, but it is waiting to hear from Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, whether there is to be any reprieve.

Mr Brian Oakley, head of the Alvey Directorate on information technology, said that Britain faced the huge task of re-educating people in the new technologies and that that could not be done without the Open University.

The university was helping to reduce the shortage of graduates skilled in information technology in three ways, he said: through its undergraduate courses which have taken more than 14,000 information technology students since 1983, through its postgraduate conversion courses, and through updating people in industry.

Claiming that the university was Britain's biggest training agency, Dr Horlock said it expected to remain the leader in updating courses. Adults can brush up their knowledge in management, agriculture, biotechnology, microprocessors, medicine and teaching. This year new graduate courses were started in the industrial application of computers and in manufacturing systems.

Each of those courses required about 100 hours' study and would enable practising engineers, scientists and managers to upgrade their knowledge at their own pace in their own time.

This year the Open University has 5,638 graduates and another 1,914 honours graduates. The number of teachers has declined and more than a half of today's graduates take some or all of their courses in mathematics, the sciences and technology. Half have "blue-collar" fathers.



OU graduate Carol Steel (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

# Educating Carol leads to divorce and career

By Our Education Correspondent

**Before her Open University degree Mrs Carol Steele was married, with two small children and was managing a hairdressing salon on the outskirts of Stoke-on-Trent. Now she is divorced, living with her two daughters and working as a training officer with the Arthur Wood Potteries group.**

**She says her marriage would have survived if she had not started her studies. "It broke up when I broke out," Mrs Steele who studied social sciences said. "My husband was not always too happy with the time and energy I put into it."**

**She had seen *Educating Rita*, the play about an Open University student, and there were parallels. "I laughed when Rita's books were burned because my husband used to sling mine across the room."**

**Her daughters, now aged 11 and 13, were also affected. They took to writing notes saying "It's time for me now."**

**Did she have any regrets? "No," she said, although she missed not having the security of being able to rely on someone. "The OU degree dramatically affected my outlook," she said. "I have gained self-confidence and the ability to rely on myself."**

**Mrs Steele is one of a large number of OU graduates whose degree helps them to get a better job. Among them Mr Geoffrey James, of High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, former window cleaner who plans to go into chartered accountancy, and Chief Petty Officer, Danny Godfrey, who plans to be a teacher.**

# 'Dallas' comparison intended as gentle ribbing, MP says

Mr Jonathan Aitken described as "unbelievable and absurd" yesterday an action for libel brought over an article he wrote proposing an east Kent version of the television series *Dallas*.

He was giving evidence in the High Court in the action brought by Mrs Hazel Pinder-White of Broadstairs, Kent. She claims Mr Aitken libelled her in an article in the *East Kent Critic* by comparing her with an adultress and alcoholic, Sue Ellen, wife of J R Ewing, in the television series.

Mr Aitken, aged 42, Conservative MP for Thanet South, has denied the article published in February 1981 was libellous.

The action was "just as absurd as it would be for JR to turn up waving a piece of paper saying he was going to sue for libelling him to these people in Thanet," he said.

What he intended as a "gentle ribbing" was misinterpreted and made out to be a "monstrous and malicious" libel. The article in his Crusader column was intended as a "playful and lighthearted tease".

Mr Justice Caulfield, who is hearing the case with a jury, commented: "Pricking his balloon, sort of thing?" Mr Aitken agreed.

Mr Aitken said: "At the time, there was a tremendous amount in the Press and on the screen about 'Who shot JR?' There as a great build-up, including jokes about Parliament suspending sittings so MPs could go off and watch television.

"I can't claim I was a regular watcher of the programme. I had seen it three or four times and I may have watched bits of episodes."

He denied that the article was a comment on the private life of the Pinder-Whites. He knew that was exemplary.

When he wrote that the later Mr Pinder-White's "lovely wife, Hazel, could play Sue Ellen beautifully" it was "just a joke." It was not "an innuendo" about Mrs Pinder-White's private life.

Mr Patrick Milmo, for the defence asked Mr Aitken: "When you wrote 'your lovely wife', was that meant to be sarcastic?"

"It was meant well," Mr Aitken replied.

When he suggested Mrs Pinder-White should play Sue Ellen, "there was really not very much in my mind, it was just a throwaway line. It was meant to mean that Hazel is nice-looking, she's a bit of an actress and she can play the parts beautifully, that's all."

Mr Aitken said that he had not compared Mrs Pinder-White with Sue Ellen in a telephone conversation. "I think I said: 'You could play it' and only meant it as a compliment. She is a beautiful woman and I thought it would be taken as a compliment".

Mrs Pinder-White had then said that Lucretia Borgia was also a beautiful woman, but she would not like to be compared with her either.

He apologized to her genuinely and with sincerity not once, but four times. His apology in the next issue of the *East Kent Critic* was written with total sincerity.

His suggestion in that apology that solicitors for J R might be making a complaint over comparing the Ewing family with Thanet people was meant as a joke.

Mr Richard Rampton, for Mrs Pinder-White, said Mrs Pinder-White's evidence about originally wanting the MP to apologize on his knees in the middle of Viking Bay at Broadstairs was a metophor.

Mr Justice Caulfield observed: "She didn't say whether the tide should be in or not".

Mr Aitken said: "If I should be tolerant about her metaphors, perhaps she might have been a little more tolerant about mine". It was, Mr Aitken said, a "teeny-weeny joke in a teeny-weeny magazine."

He added that he was not a co-owner of the *East Kent Critic*, as had been stated

The trial continues today.

# BBC 'best value in the world'

By John Winder

No broadcasting service alternative to the BBC could offer, by whatever technology, a comparable range of services at anything like a comparable price, Mr Alasdair Milne, Director General of the BBC, said yesterday at a Parliamentary Press Gallery lunch at Westminster.

The only rider he offered was a belief by others that alternative forms of finance would cost the public less.



Mr Alasdair Milne: BBC Britain's best bargain

"I can say, with all the conviction at my command, that you either pay directly for turning on a broadcasting knob, or indirectly, through the goods you buy in the shops", he added.

Britain enjoyed the best broadcasting in the world at a cost to the consumer of two or three pence an hour, he said.

To an audience which included Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, and therefore with some responsibility for broadcasting, Mr Milne emphasized the popular nature of BBC broadcasting and the value for money it offered, at a time when the Government is considering its application for an increased licence fee.

"One healthy consequence of contemporary hard-nosed thinking is the prominence given to 'value for money' considerations in British broadcasting. I doubt whether, even from Gradgrind, Gradgrind and Co, the nineteenth century ancestor of business efficiency, the BBC would get a certificate of air worthiness, he said.

"For two pence an hour and an annual licence fee near the bottom end of any comparative European league table, the BBC provides a service that allows me to look everyone here straight in the eye without bringing a blush to the cheek and to say straight out that this fee represents the best bargain in Britain apart from the dog licence. And I hear that they are thinking of putting *that* up."

He read a list of popular programmes from *ITMA* to *Just Good Friends* and commented that when he was told the BBC was engaged in a ratings rat race, and was frantically engaged in frenetic popular programming at the expense of the serious purposes for which the BBC had once stood and had been world-renowned, he wondered whether he was dreaming.

If the public permitted, the BBC would continue to provide a national, regional and local radio and television sevice at less than the daily cost of most newspapers.

# Whisky sales falling

By Our Commercial Editor

Scotch whisky sales in Britain are sliding and it could mean more jobs losses particularly in the Highlands where some small malt distilleries have already been closed.

This warning came yesterday from the Scotch Whisky Association when it called for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to reduce whisky taxation

In the six months after last year's Budget Scotch sales to the trade in Britain, dropped 9 per cent while table wine sales rose 28 per cent.

Distillers, whose brands include Johnnie Walker, last week announced the closure of 10 distilleries.

# British trial for French abortion pill

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The controversial French abortion pill, RU486, is likely to be tested on British women. Sixty women are to be involved in trials that have been approved by local ethical committees in Edinburgh to test the pill's efectiveness and safety.

Professor David Baird, Professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Edinburgh University, said yesterday that approval from the Committee on Safety of Medicines was still awaited, but if that was given, he hoped to start the trial next month.

The pill has aroused controversy because Dr Etienne-Emil Beaulieu, who heads the French team that has developed the pill, has suggested that it could be used as a once-a-month contraceptive, producing a very early abortion if the woman was pregnant; fears have also been expressed that a black market in the pill could develop among women seeking "do-it-yourself" or late abortions.

Professor Baird said yesterday that the pill, possibly combined with a prostaglandin pessary, might be a way of providing cheaper early abortions at up to eight weeks of pregnancy. At present these are usually carried out by suction.

● The Royal College of Nursing yesterday called for a ban on almost all embryo research, opposing it even if it opens the way to eradicating serious genetic abnormalities such as Down's syndrome.

The college in its response to the Warnock report said the embryo should be treated as a human being from the earliest moment of life.

The college has also called for outlawing of surrogate motherhood where money is involved

# Roux brothers win more stars

By Robin Young

A second British restaurant has won three stars from Michelin for "superb food, fine wines, faultless service and elegant surroundings". The French tyre company's new red guide to Great Britain and Ireland promotes the Waterside Inn at Bray, Berkshire, to join Le Gavroche in Mayfair, which is run by the same proprietors, the Roux brothers, and in 1982 became the first Michelin three-star restaurant in Britain.

Michelin inspectors made 15 visits to the Waterside, where a meal costs more than £27 without wine, before awarding its additional star. The public will have to wait until the middle of next month to test the guide's judgement, because the restaurant is closed until February 15 for annual holidays.

Britain's two three-star restaurants join an elite of 17 similarly rated establishments in France, one in Switzerland, three in Germany and three in Belgium. Britain has four two-star restaurants, compared with 90 in the present red guide to France, and 25 one-star awards, compared with 534 in the French book.

Two restaurants lose their stars; the Elizabeth in Oxford and L'Interlude de Tabaillau in Covent Garden, London and only one restaurant is newly starred, the 74 in Canterbury, Kent.

There is a net increase in the number of British restaurants distinguished with a red M, awarded for consistently serving well-prepared meals. Five places had their red Ms deleted, but 13 received them, bringing the total for 1985 to 67.

*1985 Michelin Red Guide to Great Britain and Ireland, (£5.50.)*

# Tour firms prepare to cut number of holidays

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Package holiday bookings are so much lower than last year that tour operators will soon start reducing the number of holidays available, leaving little room for late summer price cuts.

That warning came yesterday from Lunn Poly, part of the International Thomson Organization. There has been some recovery in bookings this month, but sales of package holidays are still 28 per cent less overall than at the same time last year, according to Lunn Poly.

The company, questioning 2,500 people who took holidays through the firm last year, has found that they have been affected most by the rise in the price of holidays, with many waiting for last-minute bargains.

Mr Paul Brett, chairman and managing director, said: "I am worried that availability of holidays in the late selling season simply will not be there."

The company is predicting a 10 per cent decline in package holidays this summer.

Spain is still the most popular foreign holiday destination for the British, but its market share has dropped from 51 per cent last year to 32 per cent, according to Lunn Poly. That comes after price increases of a fifth or more

# Solicitors' property sale rules

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors in England and Wales will be able to set up "property shops" in competition with estate agents, under guidelines issued by the Law Society yesterday.

They give clearance to more than 1,000 firms of solicitors waiting to enter the property-selling market to counter the loss of the conveyancing monopoly.

Solicitors will be able to sell property either through their existing practices or through a separate practicce formed for the purpose. They can join other solicitors but not enter into partnerships or share fees with non-solicitors.

The guidelines allow solicitiors to open a branch office with street-level window to display properties for sale and to describe the office as a property centre or estate agency. But the solicitor must not call himself an estate agent.

Strict regulations are set out limiting solicitors' activities with other professionals, outlawing touting and controlling their dealing with clients over fees.

There must be no arrangements with non-solicitors for the introduction of property-selling business and a solicitor must only describe himself as such, although he can advertise that he sells property.

## Aids death

A homosexual man aged 28 has died of Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) at the Ham Green Hospital in Bristol, doctors reported yesterday. Two others were in a "satisfactory" condition.

# Murder trial farmer covered in blood, PC says

From Tim Jones
Bristol

**Two women detective constables told a jury at Bristol Crown Court yesterday that Mr Colin Bedale-Taylor, aged 63, appeared to be perfectly relaxed and normal when they saw him an hour before he died of shotgun wounds in the home of his neighbour, Graham Backhouse, a farmer.**

**The two officers were involved in routine police inquiries into the car bomb explosion which three weeks earlier had injured Mrs Margaret Backhouse, aged 37, as she tried to reverse the family Volvo car out of the garage.**

**Mr Backhouse, aged 43, of Widden Hill Farm, Horton, Avon, is accused of attempting to murder his wife to collect £100,000 in insurance money. The Crown also alleges that to provide a scapegoat for his crime he killed Mr Bedale-Taylor after luring him to the farmhouse. Mr Backhouse denies the charges.**

**Police Constable Richard Yeadon said that after responding to an alarm call he arrived at the farmhouse and saw the body of Mr Bedale-Taylor lying in a passageway with a hole in his chest. He was clutching a Stanley knife in his right hand.**

**"I stepped over the body and saw Mr Backhouse lying in a curled up position in the entrance to the lounge. He was sobbing."**

**PC Yeadon said Mr Backhouse was injured in his face and chest. He said that Mr Backhouse, covered in blood repeated three times that Mr Bedale-Taylor had accused him of killing his son. Mr Backhouse had said: "I did not kill his son."**

**Woman Det Constable Stefanie Whittle said she went to interview Mrs Bedale-Taylor on the night her husband had died. She had seen him only briefly but he appeared to be "a normal man, to be relaxed and calm". She added: "He told his wife he was going to see Mr Backhouse."**

**Woman Det Constabel Heidi Bown said Mr Bedale-Taylor "appeared to be fine, perfectly normal".**

**Earlier Det Insp David Edwards said that nine days after the car bomb he had called to see Mr Backhouse who had said something to the effect he was fed up with the police guard placed on him for his protection and wanted to get back to normality.**

**Mr Backhouse, he said, had felt that the bomber was unlikely to strike again while the police were there and said he would prefer the bomber to have another go at him rather than wait until his wife was back home.**

**The hearing continues today.**

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TODAY VOLVO MANUFACTURES (AND DEVELOPS AND DESIGNS AND TESTS AND REDESIGNS AND DEVELOPS...) PETROL ENGINES – BOTH TURBOCHARGED AND INTERCOOLED, LARGE TURBOCHARGED DIESEL ENGINES, MEDIUM SIZED DIESEL ENGINES, SMALL DIESEL ENGINES, HEAVY DUTY GEARBOXES, CAR GEARBOXES, GYRO TRANSMISSIONS, HYDRAULIC TRANSMISSIONS, MARINE TRANSMISSIONS FOR WORKING OR LEISURE BOATS, AQUAMATIC DRIVE – WITH OR WITHOUT DUOPROP (COUNTER ROTATING PROPELLERS), FRONT AXLES AND REAR AXLES FOR TRUCKS (SINGLE OR TANDEM DRIVE), FRONT WHEEL SUSPENSIONS AND REAR AXLES FOR CARS...
THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE COMPONENTS FOR OUR CARS, TRUCKS, BUSES, CONSTRUCTION MACHINES AND BOATS. WE ALSO MAKE JET ENGINES FOR FIGHTER PLANES, ENGINE PARTS FOR ROCKETS...
THAT'S A LOT OF WAYS OF MAKING THINGS ROLL.
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# If only union leader had to comply with company law

DONATIONS

If the standards of company law were applied to trade unions at least one prominent trade unionist would probably be prosecuted for the way in which he had debased the union for which he worked, destroyed its power, corrupted its members and wasted its money, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in the Commons.

He was replying to Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) who called for legislation to place contributions by companies to political parties on the same legal footing as contributions to political parties by trade unions.

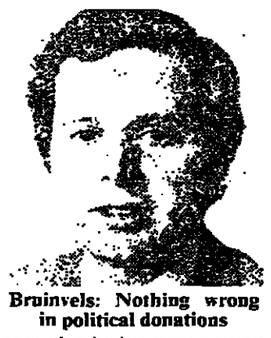
Mr Tebbit said companies and trade unions were covered by completely different statutes set up for completely different purposes and Mr Winnick would be the last person to want the same standards applied to unions and companies.

Mr John Ward (Poole, C): The annual general meeting of a company gives shareholders the chance to express their opinions. Would it not be a good thing if trade unions gave their members the right to express their views every year in a similar fashion?

Mr Tebbit: Yes, but he must not assume trade unions and companies should be run in the same way.

In 1981, trade unions on their political funds expended £4.8 million and that was 12.8 per cent of the amount they spent on benefits to their members. For companies which donate money for political parties, it is in the order of 0.02 per cent of profits or turnover. The total sum, according to an estimate made by *The Economist*, was £2.5 million.

The trade union figures include such spending as a £1 million campaign called "Kill the Bill" – a Bill which is in good health and helping to democratise trade unions – and £1 million of Nalgo spending



Bruinvels: Nothing wrong in political donations

on another fruitless exercise against the interest of its members.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): Will he stop the nonsense of having ballots on the existence of political funds and instead have ballots on where and to which party the funds should be donated?

Mr Tebbit: He may be able to tell us whether Mrs Shirley Williams, the President of the SDP, asked for ballots of the members of Apex when it was giving money to the Labour Party.

Mr Peter Bruinvels (Leicester East, C): There is nothing wrong in a company giving political donations. Donations of more than £500 are already declared.

Mr Tebbit: He is right. I am indebted to the *New Statesman* on November 30 last year in which I read that part of the Labour Party's "Jobs in Industry" campaign for this year includes a strong recommendation that Labour Party should approach companies for political donations.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: It must be clear to any fair-minded person that the Government wants to see controls on the political funds operated by trade unions but none whatsoever for companies and corporate forces which support the Conservative Party. Is that not grossly unfair?

Mr Tebbit: No. There are controls in each case but, because of the different nature of the organisations, they are different controls.

The Act which first established political funds provided that a trade union had to have a ballot of its members to authorise the setting up of the fund. Whether it was 1908 or 1913, there cannot be many of that electorate still around and it is time there was another ballot.

# Touch of class over award of honours

PROCEDURE

**The class distinction between the University of Oxford and the Droylsden Little Moss Boys County *Secoadary Modern School* and the desirability of their honouring right honourable and honourable members of the House of Commons is to lead to a private discussion between the Speaker and two Labour MPs on the finer points of *Erskine May* and the rules of order of the Commons.**

**Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) disclosed in the Commons that Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North, C) had tabled a motion criticizing Oxford University for not giving an award to the Prime Minister but when he (Mr Boyes) tried to table a motion pointing out that the Droylsden Little Moss Boys County Secondary Modern School had not recognized its distinguished son, Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab), it was refused.**

**He understood that the Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) had been personally involved in refusing to allow the motion.**

**Is it part of the class nature of this Parliament (Mr Boyes asked) that it is only Oxford early day motions you accept and not those on secondary modern schools?**

**I ask whether you turned it down because many on this side of the school – sorry, House – who have been to secondary modern schools, find it offensive that they are not recognized in the same way as *universities*.**

**Mr Roberts said that he had been honoured when fellow MPs had come to him and suggested that his school should be honouring him in the way it had been suggested that the Prime Minister should be honoured by her university.**

**Now that the motion has been refused it seems *an insult to the* school, he added, amid some murmurs of sympathy.**

**The school had given him a better education, he said, than the class education delivered at Oxford or Cambridge.**

**The clerks to the House had told him that the motion about him had been rejected because it was designed to annoy, but the refusal annoyed him, because his school had given him a very good education.**

**The Speaker said that *Erskine May* clearly stated at page 382 that a motion had been turned down by one of his predecessors because it**



Roberts: Honoured by MPs' suggestion

**was "tendered in a spirit of mockery".**

**When both Labour MPs sought to discuss the matter further, the Speaker said that he had ruled and there was nothing more to be said.**

**But there was. Mr Boyes said that it was not a question of mockery of prime ministers but rather of the role of secondary modern schools in society.**

**Mr Boyes then invited himself to discuss the matter further in private with the Speaker who accepted the proposal, later extending the welcome to Mr Roberts, who wanted to discuss how many clerks and officers of the House were Oxbridge products.**

# Lord Chief Justice urges tough moves against drug traffickers

HOUSE OF LORDS

A call for hard-hitting legislation to strip drug traffickers of their assets was made by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, during a debate in the House of Lords calling on the Government to take vigorous action to combat the rapid, deeply damaging growth of trafficking in heroin and cocaine in the United Kingdom and to provide adequate resources for research, education, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.

It was not enough simply to impose long prison sentences, Lord Lane said. What was needed was to make sure the traffickers were divested of every single penny of the vast profits they made from the terrible trade. Unfortunately this was not possible under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Is it not time some legislation was introduced as a matter of urgency (he said) to make sure the profits are *stripped from these very wicked men* who do not deserve much sympathy, if any. This is a case where the burden should be put upon the convicted trafficker to show any assets he has did not arise from the traffick in drugs.

That suggestion might be described as draconian and he was not normally in favour of such measures in sentencing, but with drugs there was a great deal to be said for it.

The increase in drug use was putting a tremendous burden on the police, the courts and the judges. If each addict required £20 a day to feed his addiction, that could mean around £280 million had to be obtained each year through burglaries, robberies and other criminal means.

Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP), who opened the debate, said the country was facing a real menace from the rapid increase in the use of heroin and cocaine. In 1983 there were 10,000 addicts on the Home Office register which meant there were probably between 50,000 and 60,000 addicts.

Between 1982 and 1983 the number of new addicts rose by 50 per cent and between 1974 and 1983 the rise had been 500 per cent. Although seizures of drugs by the Customs and Excise had gone up *from £10 million in 1979 to £48* million in 1984 that did not necessarily mean greater success in cutting off the supply. It was more *likely the trade was growing.*

Lord Mancroft (C) said so many different departments and organizations were involved in tackling the problem that there was great confusion about who was doing what and where advice and help could be sought. The Government needed to coordinate all the activities.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Rev Albert Trillo, said if the Government relied on the hope that other bodies, voluntary and otherwise, to take over the responsibility for treatment of drugs the whole edifice of the system would eventually collapse.

The Earl of Longford (Lab) said the problem today was the speed with



Lane: Divest traffickers of every penny they make

which drug abuse was growing. Neither the Civil Service nor ministries were organized to cope with it. He hoped the debate would force the Government into further action.

Lady Hornsby-Smith (C) said she was appalled by the trendy attitude of teachers, dons and tutors who had told personal friends of hers: "I could not possibly warn you that your boy is taking drugs. I would have *lost* his confidence".

Had they seen that same boy drowning they would have been the first to rush to his rescue. Why could they not take the same attitude to the boy who might be killing himself with heroine?

Lord Bruce-Gardyne (C) said he could not see from the information he was given when he was responsible at the Treasury for Customs and Excise that modern methods of importing hard drugs were likely to respond to enhanced uniformed Customs forces in either channel when people were bringing in drugs in condoms in the body or highly sophisticated compartments in long distance lorries and the like.

There was no chance that his was going to yield at all effectively to random searches in the green channel or for that matter the red. It was right to concentrate the effort on the intelligence resources so that the Customs and Excise were alerted as best they could be to where the traffic was coming in from.

Lord Elton, Minister of State, Home Office, said drug abuse was of the gravest importance. Statistics could not measure the problem or begin to describe the sorrow it brought to families.

Drug misuse (he said) sucks from its victims their health, wealth their happiness and sometimes their very lives. It is not the dragon they are chasing, it is a vampire but with fangs that are poisonous.

You do not need to remind the Government of this urgent problem we know.

As soon as he took office as Home Secretary, Mr Leon Britten had recognized the need for action. That was why he had announced legislation in this Parliament which would deprive drug traffickers of the profits of their crime.

By January 1 this year every police force in England and Wales had established its own specialist drugs squad so that there were now 1,000 police officers in regional and drug squads with a major commitment to investigate drug and drug-related crimes. This had provided a highly specialised network of experienced detectives trained in surveilance skills.

The Association of Chief Police Officers had set up a committee to review arrangements to see if the police were organized in the best way for drugs operations and they would be reporting progress at the next national conference in April.

It was vital to bring home to the young the horrors of drug addiction and to this end details would be announced next month of the poster campaign aimed at schools backed up by advisory leaflets to parents. The Department of Education and Science would also be sending circulars to local authorities inviting them to coordinate their efforts locally with other statutory bodies.

Commentary



## Geoffrey Smith

**The political task now facing the Government in the miners' strike is to make full use of a winning hand without appearing vindictive. No concession of substance is required for the sake of a settlement. The strike is crumbling, whatever the NUM may decide today. The question in most people's minds is simply how soon the end will come.**

**It is to provide an additional insurance against unnecessary concessions that any agreement, whenever it may come, will have to be referred to Mr Ian MacGregor, the National Coal Board chairman: who will not himself take part in the negotiations.**

**This will give an opportunity for second thoughts and for ministers to express their view before any settlement is finalized. Such an arrangement, whatever may be said in public, will offer the Government an effective veto over the terms on which the strike is ended.**

**Substantial concessions would not only be unnecessary at this stage. They would be positively harmful. The Government has spent so much money and invested so much political capital in resisting this strike because it believes that more than the future of the coal industry is at stake. It sees this as a critical engagement in the broader struggle against industrial militancy.**

**It is therefore essential to the Government's purpose that Mr Scargill should no only be defeated, but be seen to have been defeated. A last-minute, well-meaning compromise that enabled him to claim that the long battle had after all been worthwhile would obscure the message that militancy does not pay. It would revive the forces of extremism within trade unions and be an affront to the working miners.**

## Ultimate right to decide

**So there can be no modification of the principle that the coal board must have the ultimate right to decide whether an uneconomic pit should be closed. The principal stumbling block in the "talks about talks" on Tuesday was over the board's demand that an agenda should be drawn up with a specific item on how to put that principle into practice. The question to be discussed was not to be "whether" but "how".**

**If the Government were to permit that stand to be weakened, it would appear to be wobbling. But how can ministers and the coal board remain as firm as that without giving the impression of being vindictive?**

**The Churchillian principle of magnanimity in victory is being quoted so widely at this time because it expresses one of the deepest instincts of the British people: that a foe should be defeated, but not humiliated unnecessarily. That must apply with all the greater force when the "foes" are one's own countrymen.**

**So it is being asked, even by some ministers, whether there is not some conciliatory gesture that could be included in a settlement. In principle that must be right. It might help to heal the bitterness in the mining industry and would certainly help the Government to keep the confidence of a public opinion that is always quick to sympathize with the underdog.**

## Finding alternative employment

**The difficulty lies in finding an appropriate gesture. One possibility would be to make more money available to the special company that has been set up to find alternative employment for miners leaving the industry. This would not impose an immediate burden on the Exchequer because the company already has about as much money as it can use. But for that reason the gesture would probably seem empty.**

**The NUM will want the reinstatement of miners dismissed during the strike. If those dismissed for violence and intimidation were given their jobs back, that would rightly be interpreted as weakness not conciliation. It would also be regarded as letting down the working miners.**

**But that does not apply to everyone taking a lump of coal, especially to those who have been dismissed for taking coal just for their own use. It would be perfectly reasonable generosity for their cases to be reviewed by the coal board's local managers.**

**Perhaps the most important thing, though, is for ministers to show some sensitivity in the way they express themselves when the victory comes. Foster Dulles once said: "My words sometimes do not convey the meaning they are intended to convey." Mrs Thatcher should remember that that applies to her words too.**

# Problem of latepayment of bills

SMALL FIRMS

**Organisations representing industry have been *invited to join* Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in examining possible initiatives to help small firms to cope with problems caused by late payments of bills by large firms.**

Announcing this during Commons questions, Mr Trippier said he shared the concern about the serious difficulties that this practice could cause.

Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen, C) who had asked if it was planned to help smaller firms with this problem, said the Department of Trade and Industry should *consider withholding grants from* firms which did not settle their accounts or delayed settling them with smaller firms.

Mr Trippier said this course had been suggested a number of times and his immediate reaction was that it would be a recipe for bureaucratic complexity.

Mr Paddy Ashdown (Yeovil, L) said that among the most guilty were local government organizations.

With ruinously high interest rates, late payment of bills mean the death of small firms. If legislation was not appropriate, would Mr Trippier consider Government backing for a code of practice?

**Mr Trippier: It is important that we should stop short of legislation because small firms may not be paying bills of other small firms or those of larger firms. I would prefer some code of practice initiated by industry itself.**

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) said large companies including many enjoying massive government contracts, were dining out on the overdrafts of smaller ones.

# £7,750m non-oil trade gap with EEC

EXPORTS

Britain's deficit in trade in manufactures with other members of the European Community was £7,750 million in 1980, offset by a surplus in trade in oil of £7,400 million, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons at question time.

He added that in 1974 the deficit in manufacturing was £500 million.

Mr *Edward Taylor (Southend East,* C), who initiated the exchanges, said Britain had a surplus in its manufactured trade with the rest of the world.

What the asked) are the main reasons for the devasting deficit in trade with the Common Market which must be having an appalling effect on unemployment in this country"

Mr Tebbit: What is important in all these matters is not the particular balance in relation to one country or group of countries or one manufacturing or trade activity as opposed to another, but the overall balance.

*In 1964 overall we were in* surplus whereas in 1974 overall we were in deficit. So things have improved in the last decade.

Our customers came here to buy because we offer best value for the things they buy from here and our consumers go where they think they can find best value in exactly the same way.

Mr Stanley Crowther (Rotherham, Lab): Despite what Mr Tebbit says about having to balance one thing against the other, manufacturing is at the heart of wealth creation in this country. What does Mr Tebbit suggest we live on when the oil runs out?

Mr Tebbit: Of course manufacturing is an important part of wealth creation but it is not the only part. For example, if we lived in a slightly more rational world coal extraction would be wealth creating activity instead of a wealth destroying activity as it has become in this country.

Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C): According to the last estimate produced by the CBI, 90 per cent of its members felt withdrawal from the Community would be disastrous for their business prospects.

Mr Tebbit: The CBI, like the great majority of people in this country are in favour of our continued membership. The problem for some MPs who oppose membership and lost that particular battle is that they have not yet been able to reconcile themselves to it.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP): The most striking of our trade figures at the moment is that our non-oil visible trade deficit has gone up £2,500 million in 1982 to £11,400 million last year while our oil surplus has steadily increased.

The true reason the pound has been under pressure is that we are now over-dependent on the oil part of our economy.

Mr Tebbit: If Mr Wrigglesworth were right the reasonable consequence from what he says is that we should try to stuff the oil back into the ground again and pretend we had never found it.

Mr Bryan Gould and Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: The Prime Minister professes to be *puzzled at the fall in the pound's* value. The calamitous figures Mr Tebbit has given offer part of the answer. How can the Government continue to talk convincingly of economic recovery when this deficit, which means a million jobs in British industry, is allowed to continue and grow?

Mr Tebbit: If it was a question of our balance of trade and balance of payments position, sterling would have been lower under Labour governments than under a Conservative one.

# Further delay undesirable

STANSTED

There had been uncertainty about a third London airport for more than 20 years and further delay and uncertainty was not desirable, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, said in the Commons when he opened a debate on the inspector's report on the airports inquiries which were completed in 1983 and covered the Stansted and Heathrow terminal 5 proposals.

Uncertainty had been borne by Stansted people and those living near Heathrow, Gatwick and other sites proposed, he said. There had also been uncertainty for the aviation industry and those employed in it. To prolong the uncertainty would not make the problem go away. It would merely mean returning to it at a later date.

Mr Ridley said the Government had accepted that development of regional airports could not obviate the need to meet demand in the South East and that further airports capacity would be needed in the South East before 1990.

However, ministers had the formidable task of reaching decision on the twenty formal recommendations made by the inspector, Mr Graham Eyre, Q.C.

Why was the debate taking place on the adjournment? By holding a debate on a substantive motion and voting on it, the House could be held to be seriously prejudicing the proper exercise of the quasi-judicial function of determing the applications.

While he and Mr Ian Gow, Minister of Housing and Construction, had the applications before them for decision, they were unable to express any views on the matters covered in the inspector's report.

This could prejudice their consideration of it. It could also mean that ministers may not be able to vote and would thus lose the right to express their opinions.

Secondly, if the House rejected the recommendations and if ministers accepted them, they would be disregarding the will of the House. But if they rejected the recommendations simply because that was the will of the House, rather than on the merits of the case, they would lay themselves open to challenge in the High Court.

The parties affected could justly complain that the decisions were based on considerations extraneous to the inspector's report and the public enquiry process would be devalued.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said the debate was being held *on an adjournment motion* because the Government could not face what would happen if there was a motion that could be amended or voted on in a proper manner.

Even the pay roll vote who could normally be relied upon to troop through the lobbies had been told that Mr Ridley was now in such disarray that the only thing he could possibly do to cover his own discomfiture was to suggest they did not vote on the adjournment.

The Government, and particularly Mr Ridley, was responsible for creating an atmosphere of distrust. There was no faith in the north of England that the Government was prepared to consider either the public expenditure effects of such an enormous injection of capital in the South East or the loss of jobs and the inability to attract new industries to Manchester and the other regions.

The Government had made clear that as far as it was concerned, the regions must take not just second or third place but fourth place in relation to development in the South East.

Sir Humphrey Atkins (Spelthorne, C) said that over a period of years, this Government had consistently stated in Parliament that Terminal 5 at Heathrow would not be built.

Small wonder that thousands of people believed in and had taken comfort from those assurances, which he quoted in detail, and even less wonder that MPs who represented them had felt able to say to those who expressed anxiety, that *they had no need to worry because* the fifth terminal would not be built.

I have been saying it all these years (he said) and I said it at the last general election, and no doubt some of my colleagues did too. If my assurances prove false, there is no way in which the minister can count on my support-only my *opposition.*

The Government should say to the extra passengers who wanted to use Heathrow, what it would say to those who wanted to build their houses in Hyde Park, that so many more would damage the quality of life of those living nearby.

Mr Alfred Morris (Manchester, Wythenshawe, Lab) said the only way in which MPs could demonstrate their concern was to divide the House. This was the only means of signalling their opposition to the huge development of Stansted now proposed.

This might well be the last parliamentary opportunity to debate Stansted before the Government took its decision and he hoped that enough Conservative MPs, by their votes tonight, would leave the Government and the country in no doubt what the decision must be.

The North of England regional consortium commanded political support from all parties. There was no need in purely air transport terms for a further major development in the South-East of England *to meet that region's air transport* needs until the mid-1990s at the earliest.

A high number of regional air travellers were forced ot use airports in the South East and if some of them could be reallocated to services from regional airports, then expansion could proceed in the *regions rather than the South-East.*

This would bring substantial economic and employment benefits to the regions.

Mr Alan Haselhurst (Saffron Walden, C) said Stansted airport was wholly within his constituency. There was a deep sense of injustice in his constituency, a conviction that Stansted had come up again and again.

It made more sense to spend the money to improve access, organization and the environment at Heathrow before spending large sums in the countryside.

The British Airports Authority had used deception throughout the campaign it had waged. There was a suspicion that a Government decision would be prejudiced by BAA buying a lot of land at Stansted.

The wheels had been made to grind to make Stansted the only option. Throughout the whole *business the BAA had shown a* ruthless and sometimes unsavoury determination to get their own way.

The inspector had been less than fair to the regional argument.

# Howe disputes figure

EEC BUDGET

**Sir Geoffrey Howe**, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in the Commons that he did not accept a claim that the EEC's farm spending would be an estimated £1 billion over budget this year. The estimate was made the previous day by Mr Henning Christopherson, the Budget Commissioner.

Reporting on this week's meetings with European foreign ministers in Brussels, Sir Geoffrey Howe said they were not given any justification for this figure and would want to challenge it.

Mr George Robertson, chief Opposition spokesman on the EEC, said the Community was steering complacently towards paralysis. The failure to make progress was proof positive of the empty words uttered at *Fontainbleau.*

Sir Geoffrey Howe said Mr Robertson's claim was beside the point and remote from the truth.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid-Worcestershire, C) said it was more important for Spain and Portugal to join the EEC on terms which were in the interests of Britain and other existing members than to meet any particular deadline.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said it was also important for the accession to take place within the existing timetable.

# Attempt to end charges

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) was given leave to bring in his Pensioners' Right to Fuel and Communications Bill, which would abolish standing charges for gas, electricity and water and to abolish rental charges for telephones and television licences for pensioners.

He said the Bill would go some way to alleviate pensioners' poverty. He proposed that the Government should bear the cost of standing charges for gas and electricity, estimated by the Department of Energy at £300 million.

The present television licence fee was a monstrous charge for a basic form of communication for pensioners, not a luxury.

# Bankruptcies and starts

Provisional figures for 1984 showed there were 8,509 bankruptcies and 14,210 company liquidations, and in the six years 1979-84 there were 34,862 bankruptcies and 61,785 company liquidations. Mr Alexander Fletcher, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in answer to Commons questions.

The bankruptcy figures included deeds of arrangement and covered all individuals and partnerships.

The number of new company starts, he added, was also at a record *level of 100,000 in 1984 alone.* Manufacturing investment, £6 billion in the year to September 1984, was up 16 per cent on the year before.

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# Establishing place of business for writs

**South India Shipping Corporation Ltd v Export-Import Bank of Korea**

Before Lord Justice Ackner, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Sir George Waller

[Judgment delivered January 18]

A foreign bank which had both premises and staff within the jurisdiction, conducting public and external relations with other *financial* institutions and carrying out preliminary work in relation to the granting or obtaining of loans, but which did not actually conclude any banking transactions or conduct any banking dealings with the public within the jurisdiction, nevertheless had a "place of business" in Great Britain within the meaning of Part X of the Companies Act 1948, even though it had ceased to register its office.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, South India Shipping Corporation Ltd, from an order by Mr Justice Leggatt on May 11, 1984, that a writ claiming US $13 million had not been duly served on the defendants, Export-Import Bank of Korea, at their office in London.

Mr Jeremy Cooke for the plaintiffs; Mr Nicholas Chambers for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE ACKNER said that although the defendant bank conducted its main business from Korea, it rented office accommodation in London. However, that office was neither their registered nor principal office, so the plaintiffs could not rely on Order 65, rule 3(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

They accepted, however, that "provision [was] otherwise made by [an] enactment" within the meaning of Order 65, rule 3(1), namely section 412 of the 1948 Act.

By proviso (a) to that section, where any company made default in delivering to the Registrar of Companies the name and address of a person in Great Britain authorized to accept service on behalf of the overseas company, documents might be served on the company by delivery to "any place of business established by the company in Great Britain".

The defendants had originally registered their office but in 1983 they deleted that registration.

The plaintiffs contended that the defendants had established a place of business within Great Britain and that they were therefore to be *treated, by section 412, as having* made default in delivering the name and address of an authorized person.

The defendant's case was that the office did not conclude business – that is banking business – within the jurisdiction, and that the purpose of the office was to gather and provide information and conduct various liaison activities.

There was no decision which bore directly on what was required to establish a "place of business within the meaning of sections 406 and 412 of the 1948 Act.

The main object of the provisions of Part X of the 1948 Act was to protect the foreign company's British creditors by obtaining for them *ab initio* a means of serving process in this country, thus placing a foreign company carrying on business in this country on the same footing as a British company, and liable to the service of a writ under similar procedure.

Parliament had placed no express qualification on the words "place of business" and there seemed no good reason to imply one.

The facts of the case were clear. The defendant bank was an import-export bank, not a high-street bank. It had premises and staff within the jurisdiction. It conducted external relations with other banks and financial institutions. It carried out preliminary work in relation to the granting or obtaining of loans. It sought to give publicity to the foreign bank and encourage trade between Korea and Great Britain and it consulted with other banks on the usual operating matters.

It had therefore established a place of business within Great Britain and it mattered not that it did not conclude within the jurisdiction any banking transactions or have banking dealings with the public as opposed to other institutions.

It followed that the service of the plaintiffs' writ was good and the appeal should be allowed.

Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Sir George Waller agreed.

Solicitors: Richards Butler & Co; Sinclair Roche & Temperley.

# Guidance not law in previous case

**Rolls-Royce Motors Ltd v Dewhurst and Others**

In allowing an appeal against an industrial tribunal's finding of unfair dismissal the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr J. D. Anderson and Mr H. Robson) emphasized on January 21 that the decision in *Williams v Compair Maxam Ltd.* ([1982] ICR 156) did not lay down immutable principles of law but gave general guidance as to what sort of elements had to be considered when selecting employees for redundancy.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that the *Williams* case did not lay down, like an Act of Parliament the rules for selection for redundancy the breach of which would necessarily give rise to a claim for unfair dismissal.

The other recurring difficulty which arose from the failure to understand that decision resulted in the argument that if an industrial tribunal decided that a breach of the procedure had occurred it was bound to find that the dismissal was unfair. There was clear authority against that argument.

Practitioners ignored the reservations placed on the effect of the decision by the appeal tribunal who decided it. They had stressed that the five guiding principles set out were not immutable principles which would stay unaltered for ever, since practices in industry changed with time and new norms of industrial relations behaviour emerged.

They also stated that the five principles were not principles of law but standards of behaviour and that it should not be said that industrial tribunals which did not give effect to one of those facts had misdirected *itself in law.*

In the present case the industrial tribunal had misdirected itself when it found that an act contrary to any of the principles enacted in *Williams* case led to the conclusion that the dismissals were unfair.

# Proving entry sufficient for burglary

**Regina v Brown (Vincent)**

A person could "enter" a building for the purposes of section 9 of the Theft Act 1968 even though the whole of his body was not within that building, the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Peter Pain and Sir John Thompson) held on January 18, dismissing an appeal by Vincent Brown against his conviction of burglary at Luton Crown Court (Judge Colston, QC) on May 18, 1984.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the appellant had been seen by a witness to be half inside a broken shop window, as though he were rummaging inside it. He was later arrested and charged with burglary.

He appealed on the ground that a person could not be said to have "entered" a building if only part of his body had been in it.

The court would accept for the purposes of the present case that it might not be appropriate to look at the pre-Theft Act authorities, but questioned whether that would always be so.

The requirement in *R v Collins* ([1973] QB100) that entry be "substantial" and "effective" did not support the appellant's case. Although it was right that a jury should be directed that entry must be "effective", the direction in the present case was perfectly adequate. It seemed an astounding proposition that a person could break a *shop window*, put in his hand and steal and not be held as having entered as a trespasser.

# Opinion is not admissible in construction

**Rabin and Others v Gerson Berger Association Ltd and Others**

The written opinion of counsel in accordance with which a settlement was drafted and then executed by the settlor was not admissible evidence in the construction of the settlement, Mr Justice Harman held on a preliminary issue in the Chancery Division on January 14.

HIS LORDSHIP applied the basic principle that while documents should not be construed in a vacuum but in the factual matrix in which they were made evidence of the intention of the parties could not be given expressly. The fact that counsel had advised and settled a draft was a fact and admissible. But the contents of the opinion and the draft annexed to or settled at the time of the opinion were really no *more than a setting out of how* counsel had interpreted the intention of the settlor expressed via instructions to his solicitor within the limits set by the law.

Thus the long practice of not citing counsels' opinions in summonses for construction of settlements had been correct, and it might be that evidence of the intention of the party executing the settlement should the more carefully be kept out when the document was unilateral and where considerable dangers might arise if one were to try to construe a document according to an opinion and draft which had only partly carried out the intention of the draftsman and therefore of the settlor.

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Review of last year's rainfall: 1

# Drought was more severe over Scotland and the North-west

By John Grindley

Annual rainfall for 1984 over Britain was close to average, although January was exceptionally wet – the wettest of the century, over Northern Ireland. With December 1983 also wet, mid-winter should have done something to repair the rainfall deficiencies of the summer of 1983.

The main feature of the 1984 rainfall distribution was the deficiency from late winter to end of summer. The difficulty in quantifying drought has been noted before in these accounts. Severity depends not only on the magnitude of rainfall deficiency (departure from average) but also on the duration of the deficiency.

Moreover, the consequences of a water shortage depend on factors other than rainfall deficiency alone: a drought starting in late winter or spring is particularly worrying because, even with normal summer rainfall, it is virtually certain that replenishment of reserves will be delayed until autumn at earliest.

Certainly, many areas of western England, Wales and south-west Scotland experienced water supply difficulties in the spring and summer of 1984. Many districts, particularly in Wales and south-west England, built up deficiencies from February but in most areas the deficiencies became more severe in the shorter period, April-August.

By June, authorities in the west and in some Yorkshire areas had imposed bans on hose-pipes and other non-essential water use. Drought Orders were obtained but it was not found necessary to cut supplies, partly because of careful management and partly because of a good public response to appeals to save water and also because of occasional rainfall. The welcome rains of September brought the beginning of the end of the drought and the problem quickly receded with the subsequent heavy autumnal rains.

The drought of 1984 invites comparison with that of 1975-76 which, over 16 months, was undoubtedly the most severe over England and Wales as a whole.

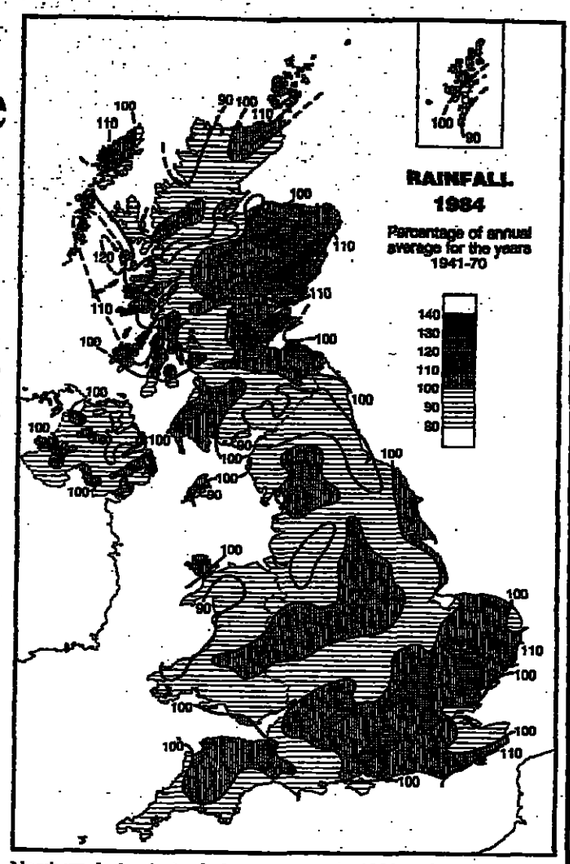
For this relatively short period, the 1984 deficiency was more severe over most of Scotland and in the North-west water authority area. At individual stations in the west, for example, Patterdale Hall in the Lake District and Cardiff, there has been no drier February-August than that of 1984 in more than 100 years. Over Northern Ireland, April-August 1984 was the driest of the century.

Water supply worries apart, it was another excellent summer (June-August). In general, the summer of 1984 was slightly wetter than that of 1983 over England and Wales and slightly drier over Scotland, but neither summer compared for dryness with those of 1976 for England and Wales and 1955 for Scotland.

Periods of prolonged rainfall deficiency are often followed by a very wet period. Such was the case in 1929 and 1976 and so it was in 1984. Scotland in recent years has seen notably wet autumns: in 1984, the months September-November were the third wettest after 1981 and 1982. Although values for England and Wales were not so extreme, the table of monthly totals clearly shows autumn to have been wet.

The map shows the distribution of rainfall as a percentage of annual average. High values in Angus-Aberdeenshire are partly due to heavy rain in March and mid-November.

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Comparison of rainfall (expressed as a percentage of average)

| | February-August 1984 | 1976 |
|---|---|---|
| England | 69 | 51 |
| Scotland | 66 | 77 |
| Wales | 53 | 53 |
| Water Authority | | |
| North-west | 58 | 66 |
| Northumbrian | 85 | 84 |
| Severn-Trent | 72 | 51 |
| Yorkshire | 65 | 55 |
| Anglian | 83 | 48 |
| Thames | 75 | 41 |
| Southern | 74 | 35 |
| Wessex | 65 | 47 |
| South-west | 60 | 52 |
| Welsh | 53 | 53 |
| River Purification Board | | |
| Highland | 84 | 81 |
| North-east | 70 | 56 |
| Tay | 64 | 82 |
| Forth | 63 | 87 |
| Clyde | 85 | 91 |
| Tweed | 67 | 70 |
| Solway | 57 | 81 |

Annual totals for representative stations

| | mm | Per cent of average 1941-1970 |
|---|---|---|
| London (St James's) | 648 | 106 |
| Isle of Thanet (Manston) | 584 | 93 |
| Worthing | 759 | 108 |
| Plymouth | 978 | 99 |
| Penzance | 1071 | 96 |
| Bristol | 875 | 102 |
| Carlisle | 747 | 86 |
| Newcastle | 578 | 85 |
| York | 652 | 105 |
| Manchester | 772 | 86 |
| Cambridge | 660 | 119 |
| Lowestoft | 617 | 102 |
| Cardiff | 977 | 98 |
| Lake Vyrnwy | 1439 | 97 |
| Aberporth | 772 | 86 |
| Anglesey (Valley) | 897 | 103 |
| Douglas | 1085 | 95 |
| Eskdalemuir | 1411 | 94 |
| Prestwick | 967 | 106 |
| Glasgow | 1060 | 101 |
| Skye (Broadford) | 1937 | 86 |
| Stornoway | 1037 | 98 |
| Lerwick | 1090 | 93 |
| Wick | 912 | 116 |
| Inverness | 561 | 85 |
| Aberdeen | 1044 | 126 |
| Braemar | 1136 | 129 |
| Perth | 686 | 112 |
| Edinburgh | 778 | 115 |
| Londonderry | 963 | 101 |
| Armagh | 838 | 97 |
| Belfast | 912 | 98 |

GENERAL VALUES OF RAINFALL

| | 1984 mm | 1941-1970 average mm | Difference from average mm | Per cent of average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| England | 832 | 837 | - 5 | 99 |
| Wales | 1326 | 1385 | -59 | 96 |
| England & Wales | 898 | 912 | -14 | 98 |
| Scotland | 1458 | 1431 | +37 | 103 |
| N Ireland | 1046 | 1095 | -49 | 96 |

Monthly rainfall in mm and as a percentage of average

| | England & Wales mm | % | Scotland mm | % | N Ireland mm | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 144 | 167 | 223 | 163 | 180 | 173 |
| February | 57 | 88 | 111 | 107 | 111 | 116 |
| March | 59 | 100 | 103 | 112 | 72 | 103 |
| April | 11 | 19 | 60 | 67 | 30 | 44 |
| May | 59 | 88 | 24 | 27 | 22 | 30 |
| June | 43 | 70 | 66 | 72 | 57 | 72 |
| July | 27 | 37 | 55 | 49 | 49 | 53 |
| August | 57 | 63 | 50 | 39 | 71 | 79 |
| September | 116 | 140 | 166 | 121 | 104 | 97 |
| October | 100 | 120 | 215 | 144 | 113 | 106 |
| November | 145 | 149 | 234 | 165 | 112 | 107 |
| December | 80 | 89 | 181 | 103 | 125 | 110 |

# Russian response pleases alliance

Stockholm (Reuter) - The 35-nation European disarmament conference yesterday began hearing details of Nato proposals for exchanges of military information aimed at reducing the risk of war in Europe.

Iceland tabled the first of six papers on behalf of the 16-member Alliance elaborating on technical-military measures proposed immediately after the conference opened last January.

The Soviet Union on Tuesday submitted a draft treaty on the non-use of force, one of its key proposals, focussing attention on Moscow's broad political approach to the conference.

The Nato paper proposed that participation states should annually exchange information on their military command organizations, including the location of their headquarters and the composition of ground formations and land-based air forces. The Warsaw Pact has in the past accused Nato of seeking to gain licence of espionage through its information proposals.

But Nato delegates said they were pleased with what they called the moderate tone of yesterday's initial response from the Soviet delegation, which said it would study the paper with interest.

Herr Klaus Citron of West Germany said the exchange of information was not aimed at enabling better selection of targets for attack in the event of war, as suggested by some Warsaw Pact delegates. The measure would not cover missile sites, ammunition depots or numbers of troops.

● **HELSINKI:** Finnish investigators found debris yesterday apparently from a Soviet missile which crashed in northern Finland last month, a military spokesman said (Reuter reports).

Major Lars-Olof Fredriksson of the Finnish Air Force said more than a dozen pieces of debris had been found in a 300-yard area on the ice of Lake Inari near the Norwegian and Soviet borders. The search was continuing.

An Air Force team, including divers, was sent to the area after a farmer found a small plastic object believed to be part of the stray missile.

● **TOKYO:** Japan has offered to help the United States with verification of any arms control agreement reached with the Soviet Union (David Watts writes).

It is thought the offer was first made in private during the summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, in Los Angeles in January. Mr Nakasone, who has now revealed it publicly for the first time, sees the possibility of Japan contributing as a kind of referee between the two parties.

● **PEKING:** China yesterday added its support to the six-nation joint statement, issued after the Delhi summit last Monday, calling for a ban on nuclear weapons in outer space and an overall end to the arms race (Mary Lee writes). A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the meeting of the leaders of Argentina, Greece, Sweden, Mexico, Tanzania and India was "of positive significance".

He said space was the common property of mankind and should be used in the interest of human welfare. "It is imperative to conclude at an early date a treaty prohibiting an arms race in outer space".

The United States and Soviet Union should take the lead in stopping the experiment, production and deployment of nuclear weapons, he said, "so as to create appropriate conditions for other nuclear countries to take corresponding measures."

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Areas for negotiation

# Bargaining over a dream

*In the second of a three part series, Richard Owen writes from Moscow about the prospects for progress in different areas of the disarmament negotiations.*

When the Soviet Union agreed to "talk about talks" with the United States in Geneva, it was performing the kind of volte-face of which only authoritarian governments are truly capable; maintaining at the same time that its positions on arms control and East-West relations had been consistent all along.

In Washington, the decision was taken not to gloat. The Soviet Union had walked out of the old Geneva talks, vowing not to return until Nato withdrew cruise and Pershing. It had also refused (last summer) to discuss nuclear missiles on Earth in the same breath as weapons in space or land-based systems aimed into space.

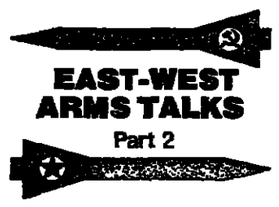
The new talks – and the Kremlin emphasizes the word new – will take place with cruise and Pershing still deployed, and "Star Wars" and nuclear missile issues are "inter-related", under the terms of the framework agreement.

But Moscow can argue, and does in private, that it has gained credit rather than lost face by returning to talk to the Americans, and has won a victory in advance by forcing the Reagan Administration to put on the bargaining table its Star Wars research project.

It will lie for inspection and discussion between Mr Max Kampelman, head of the new US team, and Mr Yuli Kvitsinsky, the shrewd and experienced former Soviet negotiator from the abandoned INF talks.

On the surface there is little concern over this in Washington, partly because Star Wars is a research project rather than actual military hardware, and partly because, as well as America's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), Soviet space weaponry will also be on the table: anti-satellite systems, the anti-ballistic missile system around Moscow allowed under the 1972 ABM treaty (the US has no equivalent), and perhaps the Russians' own project on space-based defences.

The Americans will also want to discuss evidence of




Soviet testing of reusable spacecraft or shuttles to match Soviet interest in American shuttles carrying military payloads.

There could be more speedy progress on Euro-missiles – where the Soviet team is headed by Mr Aleksei Obukhov, only 47 years old, or on strategic missiles.

The main problem in reducing the superpowers' great arsenals of massive inter-continental ballistic missiles is that Moscow's are mainly land-based, while Washington's are mostly submarine-launched – "mixing apples with oranges", as one Reagan official put it.

The picture is further complicated by forward-based nuclear-capable aircraft. But "trade-offs" are possible, particularly since Mr Viktor Karpov, the Soviet negotiator, was involved in the Salt 1 and Salt 2 talks and headed the Start team.

But what if strategic missile talks are linked by Moscow to progress on Star Wars? The SDI is Mr Reagan's dream, a future world based on non-nuclear space defences. But as Strobe Talbott, author of *Deadly Gambits* (on the failure of previous talks) has remarked: "Dreams are not the stuff of which bargaining chips are made".

The Russians are well aware of doubts about Mr Reagan's visionary approach among West European members of Nato. They are also trying to exploit the feeling in some parts of Western Europe that cruise and Pershing deployments should be suspended until it becomes clear how the new Geneva talks are faring.

The palpable alarm felt in Washington when Mr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, said that Belgium had not yet decided whether to go ahead with cruise deployments in March was matched by satisfaction in Moscow.

The one European leader the Russians have made no attempt to press is Mrs Margaret Thatcher, regarded in both superpower capitals (resignedly in Moscow, enthusiastically in Washington) as a staunch ally of Mr Reagan.

This week Tass angrily attacked her for "playing up to" Mr Reagan by trying to persuade Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister, to go ahead on schedule with cruise deployments in the Netherlands.

Tomorrow: Mutual perceptions.

# Balance between agriculture and the environment 'wrong'

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The Government should undertake urgently a review of the whole use of the countryside and produce a White Paper, the Commons environment committee says in a report published yesterday.

There is overwhelming evidence that the balance between agriculture and environment is wrong, the committee says.

Its report, on the operation and effectiveness of Part II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, is scathingly critical of the Ministry of Agriculture which, it says, is out of step with everyone else, including farmers and landowners.

But it does not accept suggestions made by organizations such as Friends of the Earth that the Act has been a failure, and that planning controls should be extended to agriculture.

"We are convinced that the voluntary approach is the right one," it says. The Council for the Protection of Rural England, although not quite so convinced, had admitted that there is a climate of change in the farming world and that there is "a significant sympathy" among farmers for its aims.

Criticism that the Act assists the conservation only of specially designated areas, such as national parks and sites of special scientific interest, and is ineffective in the wider countryside is based on a misconception, the report says.

The Act does not and cannot deal directly with the agricultural grand and price support systems. The policies in it are primarily environmental, not agricultural.

It would be completely wrong to extend the principle of compensating farmers for not carrying out environmentally damaging operations outside the designated areas, it says. The onus in the wider countryside is with the Ministry of Agriculture, supported by the Department of the Environment.

An extension of planning controls into agricultural development would conflict seriously with the voluntary approach and would harm the new spirit of co-operation which is building up.

"Far more is to be achieved by the farming community being convinced by and willingly espousing the conservation cause, rather than by their being placed in a position of looking for ways of circumventing resented restrictions and bureaucratic red tape."

Because the Ministry of Agriculture is "not very good at withholding grants" for projects that could prove environmentally damaging, the present requirement notification should be extended from just the national parks to the whole countryside.

However, unless the ministry is given an explicit duty to take conservation into account when considering capital grants, there remains the danger that a grant will be given in spite prior notification and objections.

Farmers and their representative bodies, such as the National Farmers' Union and the Country Landowners' Association, want more conservation in agricultural policy, the committee observes. But it is not convinced that the ministry has moved nearly far enough.

The report cites the "cleft stick" in which some farmers find themselves, of being prevented for conservation reasons from draining land to grow crops, and by dairy quotas from keeping more livestock. This is an opportunity for the ministry to give a lead.

*Operation and Effectiveness of Part II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act. First Report from the Environment Committee.* (House of Commons Paper 6. Stationary Office £4.65.)

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# Island rule on housing challenged

A complaint by a retired United Nations official about Guernsey's housing control law has been upheld by the European Commission of Human Rights and is to go before the European Court. Guernsey's parliament was told yesterday.

The case has been brought by Mr Joseph Gillow, aged 67, and his wife, who bought a house in Guernsey in the 1950s and let it when they left in 1960. When they tried to return in 1978 they were refused a licence to live in the house.

The case will be defended by the British Government. Miss Elizabeth Lincoln, president of Guernsey's housing authority, told local MPs that after the Commission's findings it had been decided to grant the Gillows a licence.

## Gunshot killed siege man

Anthony Baldessare, aged 45, of Gleneldon Road, Streatham, south London, who was found dead on Saturday after a two-day siege at his home, died of a firearm wound to the heart, an inquest at Southwark Coroner's Court was told yesterday.

The police found his body when they broke into his attic flat. The inquest was adjourned until April 3.

## Shoe shop case

John Graham Wooder, aged 35 and unemployed, living at the Cleopatra Hotel, Queensborough Terrace, Paddington, west London, was remanded in custody until next Wednesday by Bow Street magistrates yesterday charged with murdering Steven Hindley at a shoe shop in New Bond Street on Monday.

## Town cottages

Bovis, the construction company, is to build cottage-style homes with thatched roofs in Milton Keynes costing between £87,000 and £103,000.



# Brigatisti behind bars

**The Red Brigades terrorists Adriana Faranda and Valerio Morucci during their appeal in Rome this week against their life sentence for the 1978 kidnapping and murder of Aldo Moro, leader of Italy's Christian Democrats.**

**They were among 18 to receive life sentences at the assize court trial two years ago, and have painted a fuller picture of the crime at the appeals hearing (John Earle writes).**

**Although dissociated from the Red Brigades, they have refused to identify those of their former comrades who, with Morucci, gunned down Moro's escort.**

**Faranda married before becoming a terrorist and has a teenage daughter, but is separated from her husband. In court she and Morucci are kept in a separate cage from the hard-core "Brigatisti".**

# Link with Paris killing

Bonn – West Germany's federal criminal police yesterday said the Red Army Faction might have been involved in the assassination last week of General Rene Audran in Paris (Michael Binyon writes).

Herr Gerhard Boeden, the deputy police chief, said in a newspaper interview there was growing evidence of cooperation between the faction and the French terrorist group, Action Directe. He said the explosives used in the assassination of the Defence Ministry official were the same as those found in December at the attempted attack on a Nato school in Oberammergau.

The upsurge in terrorist activities in the past month has seriously worried the Bonn Government.

# MEP seeks ban on foetus trade

From Ian Murray
Brussels

The European Commission is being asked to create an official trade category for the sale of living or dead foetuses. The aim is to use EEC bureaucracy to regulate suspected trade in what some shipping documents refer to as "birth wastage".

The request has come from Mr John Marshall, Conservative MEP for London North and advisor to the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child.

"This should pinpoint quite quickly whether this trade is going on", he said yesterday. "This trade is a revolting trade and there is wide concern that it is going on, particularly in France".

M. Claude Jacquinot, a magistrate at the French Ministry of Justice, claimed last year that the foetal tissue bank at The Royal Marsden Hospital in London provided material for French researchers and beauticians. Humen foetuses were cheaper and easier to obtain than the calf foetuses previously used, he said.

Sir Bernard Braine, the Conservative MP for Castle Point, was told in the House of Commons last year that this was denied by the hospital, but M. Jacquinot insists that the rumour is true.

He claims that the trade is increasing, particularly between France and Britain. Many foetuses also come from Hungary, Czechoslovakia and East Germany via Switzerland, he says.

There is evidence of the growing use of foetuses in medical research, with grafts made from the liver cells of the pancreas. In America, work has been done on the decapitated foetuses of between 12 and 21 weeks.

# González woos right for Nato vote

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor Felipe González, Spain's Prime Minister, begins a round of talks today with opposition leaders of the centre and right aiming to reach a consensus in this country's Nato membership debate.

He needs their help to win a referendum promised early next year in which opinion polls show a majority of Spaniards in favour of leaving the Atlantic alliance.

The Prime Minister told Parliament last October that Spain should remain in Nato though it did not need to join the military structure. Nato will be a major topic when President Reagan visits Spain in May.

Señor Gonzalez has denied charges by the Spanish Communists, bitter opponents of Nato, that he is seeking a secret pact with Señor Manuel Fraga, leader of the right wing, to avoid holding the referendum at all. Señor Fraga believes the referendum is unnecessary and has threatened a boycott.

# Britain rebukes Denktas over Cyprus tactics

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Britain is taking a poor view of the Turkish-Cypriot threat to hold off further United Nations moves on Cyprus until after a general election in the secessionist north of the island set for June 23.

A rebuke is being conveyed to Mr Rauf Denktas, the Turkish-Cypriot leader, who after the collapse of the New York summit with President Kyprianou, set about consolidating the partition of Cyprus to put pressure on the Greek side.

The Turkish-Cypriot move came in defiance of admonitions for restraint from Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, who hopes to resume his efforts late in February, before the momentum built up during the proximity talks dies down.

However, while bargaining positions are being resumed in Cyprus, new difficulties emerge.

The problems of international guarantees, inevitably coupled with the withdrawal of the Turkish Army, which has been pushed aside while the more immediate constitutional and territorial issues dominated, now suddenly loom large.

The Greek-Cypriots rule out Turkey as a guarantor power, arguing that the original guarantors – Greece, Turkey and Britain – had failed in that role. Instead, they want some collective body like the Security Council to guarantee a Cyprus agreement.

They also demand the full withdrawal of the Turkish troops still in the island, estimated at between 17,000 and 20,000, before the agreed federal system of government goes into effect.

The Turks, however, are adamant. The Turkish Government and Mr Denktas have declared that Turkey's guarantor status is non-negotiable.

It now appears certain that these misgivings, and the tactics they inspired, caused the collapse of the New York summit.

Now with Mr Denktas sulking in his tent, having taken back all his New York largesse, Mr Kyprianou is behaving with remarkable restraint, hoping that the next attempt will prove that all has not been lost.

● **ANKARA:** Turkish officials denied yesterday that an airport nearing completion at Gecitkale (Lefkoniko) in northern Cyprus would be used for military purposes and would house the American rapid deployment force (Rasit Gurdilek writes).

Asked to comment on press reports of a British television documentary which refer to Greek claims that the headquarters of the rapid deployment force would be moved shortly to the airport, a Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman repeated a statement by Mr Denktas last year denying any basis for such claims.

# Minister denies Skillcentres crisis

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment, denied yesterday there was a crisis within the Manpower Services Commission over the planned closure of up 29 of its 87 Skillcentres.

But he admitted there was real concern about the proposed cut when he was queried about a letter sent to him from the commission's chairman. The letter disclosed the deep split among commissioners who decided by a 5 – 4 majority last week to support the closures.

Mr John Gorst, Conservative MP for Hendon, North, said the letter from Mr Bryan Nicholson, which included arguments against the closures put forward by trade union and education representatives on the commission, was a "bombshell" and its contents were "astonishing".

The Skillcentres, which will lose about £12 million this year and have thousands of unfilled places, are being pruned in an attempt to make them pay their way by 1986-7. About 900 people will lose their jobs.

But the TUC representatives on the commission fear the closures could lead to a progressive decline of the "Skillcentre Training Agency and the commissioner representing professional education believes the agency is in "a spiral of decline", Mr Nicholson's letter discloses.

Mr King, who is expected to confirm the closure plan, attempted to calm fears about the future of the remaining network.

He said the Government was backing an extension, not diminution, of adult training.

# Isle of Man urged to seek more millionaires

**The Isle of Man is being urged by a group of Manx MPs to start a drive to attract more millionaires and wealthy residents. At present, the tax haven has about 16 millionaire residents compared with Jersey's estimated 145.**

**Published yesterday, a report says "that the island should seek to attract those who will provide a net benefit, and discourage those who might impose a financial or social cost on the island. Policies designed to restrict the immigration of some people will tend to enhance the attractions of the Isle of Man to others."**

**The report to be debated in the Tynwald next month, recommends expanding the population of 64,000 by 10,000 during the next 15 years.**

**Yesterday the Tynwald's economic adviser, Mr John Webster, said: "A popular misconception is that we are tax exiles clinging to a rock in the Irish Sea drinking gin and tonics.**

**"In fact, the poorest groups here are probably slightly worse off than those on the mainland. We want to attract wealthy people who will inject something into the economy."**

**Unlike Jersey and Guernsey, the Isle of Man imposes no restrictions on people wanting to take up residence. Islanders pay a basic tax rate of 20 per cent and there is no stamp duty and no capital transfer tax.**

**The Isle of Man offers a tranquil life. Mr Webster said: "There are great benefits over here. I leave my key in the front door. Life is relaxed."**

**If the Tynwald votes to start a drive to attract the wealthy advertisements will be placed designed to appeal to the rich.**

**They will not publicize the fact that Manx rates of supplementary benefit and discretionary payments are generally higher than in mainland Britain.**

# Colombo papers closed

From Donovan Moldrich, Colombo

The Cabinet yesterday decided to close down the *Times of Ceylon* group of newspapers which the Government nationalized in August 1977 on the grounds of alleged mismanagement.

A spokesman said there had been heavy recurring annual losses.

The *Times of Ceylon* itself ceased publication in 1975 and last September the Government stopped publication of the *Ceylon Daily Mirror*. Since then the group has published only the *Sunday Times* and a Sinhalese daily called *Lankadipa*.

The biggest newspaper group in Sri Lanka, the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon, which publishes dailies in English, Sinhalese, and Tamil was nationalized in 1973 when Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike's Freedom Party was in power.

Meanwhile 20 trade union federations in Colombo said in a joint statement that the ethnic problem had reached a dangerous state and the Government was using it to suppress the left and all democratic elements by arming a section of the population. The unions reported the Government's "so called defence fund" as a contribution to the suppression of the people.

# Judge orders inquiry into conduct of doctors who treated Steve Biko

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The South African Medical and Dental Council was ordered yesterday to hold an inquiry into the conduct of two doctors who treated Mr Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness leader, who died in the hands of the security police in 1977.

Mr Justice Wessel Boshoff, Judge President of the Transvaal, ruled in the Pretoria Supreme Court that there was prima facie evidence of improper or disgraceful professional conduct on the part of Dr Ivor Ralph Lang and Dr Benjamin Tucker, two district surgeons called in by the security police after Mr Biko was detained and held incommunicado under the Terrorism Act.

The judgment followed an application by six doctors that the reputation of the medical profession had been sullied by the conduct of Dr Lang and Dr Tucker and that the decision of the council that no further action be taken against them should be set aside.

Mr Biko died 26 days after his arrest from massive brain damage in a Pretoria prison hospital – after he had been driven there naked and manacled on a wintry night in the back of a police lorry 600 miles from Port Elizabeth where he had been held.

His death provoked an international outcry over South Africa's methods of detention – 56 people have died in security police hands since 1960 – and an extraordinarily callous reaction from Mr Jimmy Kruger, the Minister of Police and Justice at the time, from which his political career never recovered. Mr Biko's death, he told a congress of the ruling National Party, "leaves me cold".

The security police were cleared of responsibility by an inquest magistrate who ruled that nobody was criminally to blame for his death, but who also found that there was prima facie evidence of improper or disgraceful conduct on the part of the doctors.

A preliminary inquiry held by the medical and dental council in April, 1980, found that the doctors were not guilty of disgraceful conduct and the verdict was ratified by the full council two months later – a decision from which the medical schools of the Universities of Cape Town and the Witwatersrand disassociated themselves.



Putt on ice: Hardy golfers do battle in the seventh Iced Tee Open on frozen Lake Washington, New York state.

# Press see shacks demolished

*From Michael Hornsby, Crossroads, near Cape Town*

More than 50 black squatters' shacks were demolished here yesterday by the South African authorities in full gaze of a party of foreign journalists being taken to see a new black housing project which the Government hopes will at last solve the festering squatter problem.

Police and Local Development Board officials, brought to the scene in an armoured personnel carrier, were seen knocking down the wood and corrugated tin shacks with axes and crowbars as their former residents looked on.

The shacks had been erected beyond a line set by the Government as the outer limit of the sprawling Crossroads squatter complex, which lies just outside Cape Town and houses 70,000 people by official count and probably many more. Most of them are migrants from the impoverished Transkei and Ciskei tribal homelands in the Eastern Cape who have been drawn to Cape Town by the prospects of finding work.

In belated acknowledgement of its failure to contain the growth of Crossroads, the Government is building a huge new town for black Africans along the shore of False Bay some 15 miles south east of Cape Town.

The first 5,000 houses at Khayelitsha, as the new town is called, should be completed by early March, according to the white overseer of the project.

By that time, the Government intends to have moved 25,000 Crossroads squatters to Khayelitsha. The rest will be moved later. By the turn of the century, the town's population could be 250,000.

The small dwellings, with asbestos roofs and concrete block walls, are known as "core houses" and consist of two bare rooms, one fitted with a tin kitchen sink, and a lavatory.

Each occupies about 30 square yards and is set in a small sandy plot of ground. Occupants are permitted to extend the buildings themselves within the limits of their plot.

Each unit is supposed to accommodate a family of six.

The rows of identical houses, set cheek by jowl on what is effectively a vast windswept sand-dune, can hardly be described as desirable residences, though they are clearly an improvement on the squalor of Crossroads.

● JOHANNESBURG: Police fired tear gas yesterday to disperse about 600 black primary school pupils stoning their school in a township near an Orange Free State gold mining town. (Ray Kennedy writes.)

It was the second day running of violence in the Orange Free State, which was relatively trouble free during township disturbances last year.

According to officials the primary schools pupils in Mamelo township, near Virginia, gave a list of demands to their vice-principal and after he left the grounds to see education authorities, started to attack the school buildings.

# EEC farms face tough cutbacks

From Ian Murray
Brussels

A virtual standstill in EEC farm prices was suggested last night by the European Commission in a set of proposals for the farming year ahead which must mark a watershed for the Common Agricultural Policy. –

If the ideas are accepted by agriculture ministers, there will be no excuse for price rises in foods grown in the Community, but farmers will face a bleak period while the CAP comes under review.

Mr Frans Andriesseon, the tough new Agriculture Commissioner, said last night that the total cost to the Community budget of the package would be a mere £80 million – trifling compared with the £16 billion or so of the cost of running the EEC. Next year, when the full effect of thresholds imposed on cereal crops would be left, spending would actually drop by around £20 million.

But the commissioner said that what was now urgently needed was a wide debate on the CAP. People now realised that the Community had to be thrifty, but the effect of the proposals was that people were wondering what would happen to farming in the generations to come.

There was a need to see how productivity could be maintained without endangering the environment, how sales outlets could be improved and how agriculture generally could be integrated into the economy. All this would form part of a study into the CAP and its future which has to be completed quickly.

Mr Andriessen put forward the tough package in the knowledge that last year had been a particularly good one for farmers compared with other industries. Average income had risen by 4 per cent in real terms – although the cereal sector had done better than this and the dairy sector had suffered.

In consequence, a modest increase of 1.5 per cent is being suggested for dairy farmers, who are already being hit hard by having to keep to the new quota regime. They will also benefit from a one per cent cut in their compulsory production levy.

Cereal farmers, will face a 3.6 per cent reduction in prices, although this is more than they had reason to hope given the fact that they had produced 5 per cent more than they were meant to.

British beef producers are also meant to lose their special slaughter premium, which has long been under attack by the commission. If it goes it could mean moderate increases in beef prices to consumers.

There is also a strong attack on surplus producers of fruit and vegetables – particularly citrus fruit growers. Last year 60 per cent of mandarins, 47 per cent of lemons and 25 per cent of oranges grown in the Community were thrown away. Next year the idea is that they should be paid 6 per cent less for their fruit.

# Rabin happy with extra arms aid

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan yesterday agreed to increase US military aid to Israel by $400 million to $1.8 billion (£1.6 billion) for the year from October.

This was less than the $2.2 billion the Israeli coalition government had sought, but Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, said after a White House meeting with Mr Reagan that he was satisfied with the decision.

He said the President had agreed to consider sympathetically Israel's request for increased economic aid to deal with its inflation-ridden economy. Israel has been seeking a total military and economic aid package of $4.1 billion.

During the meeting Mr Rabin described some of the far-reaching measures his government has taken to put Israel's economy in order.

The meeting was the culmination of a series of talks he has held with Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, other senior Administration officials and Congressional leaders.

Congress, with its traditionally strong support for Israel, is expected quickly to approve the Administration's aid package.

In his Washington talks Mr Rabin reviewed Israel's unilateral decision to carry out a phased withdrawal from Lebanon, and other Middle East issues.

He made clear after visiting the White House that his government has reservations about plans to hold direct talks with the Soviet Union at a working group level on reducing Middle East tension.

He stressed that Israel would accept no direct Soviet involvement in negotiations.

His visit is the first by a Middle East leader at the outset of President Reagan's second term. King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is to make a state visit on February 11, and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt on March 12.



Bedouin style: Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, adopting Arab ways by using his right hand at a traditional feast in a Bedouin tent in the village of Kafiya, near Beersheba; the towel acts as a safety net.

# Israelis a week ahead with pullout

From Robert Fisk
Joun, Lebanon

On the torn escarpments high above the Awali river, the Israeli military bases are almost all empty now, their few remaining soldiers living under canvas before their imminent withdrawal.

A few of the huge and deserted earthworks still contain bunkers – constructed at enormous expense in the summer of 1983 before the Israelis began their first withdrawal from the Chouf mountains – but an Israeli officer said yesterday these would be blown up with explosives before they left.

The Israeli Army is now well over a week ahead of schedule in dismantling its positions north, east and in some cases south of Sidon. Despite their self-proclaimed withdrawal date of February 18, it now looks as if the Israelis will pull out of the immediate area of Sidon on Sunday or Monday.

Notwithstanding Israel's complaints to foreign ambassadors in Tel Aviv yesterday that any bloodshed that follows their withdrawal will be the responsibility of the Beirut Government, Mr Rashid Karami, the Lebanese Prime Minister, continued to insist that his administration would send the Lebanese Army into Sidon.

What particularly surprises the Lebanese Government, however, is why Israel – after so publicly warning of the dangers of a bloodbath on its departure from Sidon – should take such stringent methods to bar independent foreign observers in Beirut from the area. Western correspondents travelling south from Beirut have been told systematically by the Israelis that they cannot cross the Israeli lines in southern Lebanon.

An Israeli lieutenant at the Bisri bridge crossing was quite blunt about the restriction. "I suppose we want to stop reporters seeing what happens."

Mr Karami returned to Beirut from Damascus last night, still uttering his familiar optimistic phrases about the willingness of all sides in Lebanon to support his Government. Mr Abdul Hali Khaddam, the Syrian Vice-President, has been putting pressure on Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, and Lebanese Minister of Transport, to return to his Government's weekly Cabinet meetings.

It is still unclear whether Mr Jumblatt will restrain his Druze followers once the Israelis leave Sidon – or whether he will prevent Palestinian guerrillas from passing through his territory in order to reach the city.

# Two more businessmen held in Indian spy case

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Two more businessmen have been arrested in the great Indian spy scandal. They join in custody Mr Coomer Narain, the Delhi manager of a Bombay company who is alleged to have been the kingpin of the spy ring.

They are Mr B.K. Aggarwal, from south Delhi, and Mr A.K. Jaithka, from Ludhiana, in Punjab.

So far, 14 arrested men have been identified and produced in court.

They are: Mr T.N. Kher, personal assistant to the former Principal secretary to the Prime Minister; Mr P. Gopalan, also of the Prime Minister's secretariat; Mr S. Sankaran, personal assistant to the President's Press Secretary; Mr K.K. Malhotra, Mr Shiv Lal Chanana and Mr Amrik Lal from the Prime Minister's secretariat; Mr J.C. Arora, assistant to the Defence Production Secretary; Mr J.N. Tiwari, personal assistant in the Finance Ministry; Mr Ashok Kumar; and Mr Swaminath Ram. An official in the Customs department, Mr H.N. Chatarved, has also been arrested recently.

# Howe stays vague on Belize role

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Dean Barrow, the new Foreign Minister of Belize, yesterday failed to persuade Britain to strengthen its guarantee over the British garrison in his country. In talks with Sir Geoffrey Howe at the Foreign Office, the Foreign Secretary would only repeat the British line that the 1,800 troops would remain "for an appropriate period" and there was no imminent prospect of their being withdrawn.

Mr Barrow, a member of the conservative administration which swept to power in last month's elections, wants a guarantee that the garrison will stay until a settlement of the long-standing claim to Belize territory by its large and predatory neighbour Guatemala. A new round of talks is due to start after an exploratory meeting between the two countries in New York on February 12, with Britain attending as an observer.

There have been optimistic rumours that the Guatemalans are prepared to abandon their territorial claim over Belize except for two islands which would give them better access to the Caribbean.

Although Belize remains firmly opposed to the surrender of any part of its mainland, such a compromise might be a way out of the debilitating quarrel.

One alternative to the British presence would be a Commonwealth force, but this would be regarded as second-best

# Bhopal win little cheer for Gandhi

Delhi – The mini-general election in India in which five seats were contested continued to show Mr Rajiv Gandhi's ruling Congress (I) Party suffering a setback (Michael Hamlyn writes). Congress won in only two seats, the poison-gas town of Bhopal and the Uttar Pradesh resort town of Chail. They held both with reduced majorities.

In the southern states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu the opposition made a clean sweep. In Rajampet and Sridadulam in Andhra the regional Telugu Desam party, already the largest opposition party in the Lok sabha, added two more MPs to their total. In North Madras the Dravida Munnetra Kaghazam party defeated a former Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

These seats were not fought during the general election because of the deths of candidates or (as in Bhopal) because of the deaths of 2,500 citizens.

The next electoral test for the Government will come in the first week of March when State Assembly elections will be held in 10 State Assembly elections will be held in 10 states.

# US-Europe space lab gets support

Rome (Reuter) – An 11-nation conference on West European space strategy yesterday expressed support for a joint programme with the United States.

Delegates at the ministerial meeting of the European Space Agency (ESA) favoured the Columbus orbiting space station, which is to be launched in collaboration with the United States in 1992 at a cost to Europe of $2.4 billion (£2.1 billion), Italian officials said.

The French Minister of Research and Technology, M Hubert Curien, said he had affirmed France's support for Columbus while emphasizing the goal of a wholly European space station.

# Chess pair vary opening

Moscow (Reuter) – Anatoly Karpov and Gary Kasparov, the Soviet grandmasters, tried a new variation to the Queen's gambit yesterday in opening the 47th game of their world chess championship.

Karpov, aged 33, playing white, launched initially into the Queen's gambit, which has often been used in the long-running series. He leads 5–1 and needs one more win to retain his world title.

As yesterday's game developed, the pair tried out a new sequence, using the Cambridge spring variation for the first time in the match.

## The Popieluszko murder trial

# Spiral of terror planned, say Catholic lawyers

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko by a group of secret police officers was supposed to start a "spiral of terrorism" in Poland and create a climate in which death squads could act with impunity, Catholic lawyers told a Polish court yesterday.

For the first time in this long, politically volatile murder trial, the lawyers representing the family and driver of the Solidarity priest had an opportunity of giving their explanation for the killing.

Although the lawyers are technically "auxiliary prosecutors", none of them called for an explicit sentence for the four accused. They made clear that they did not want the death penalty that the state prosecutor had demanded for Captain Grzegorz Piotrowski, the priest's main assailant. "I know that Father Popieluszko was repulsed by violence, and I know that he was a great opponent of capital punishment," declared Mr Edward Wende, who represented the priest while he was still alive and facing legal charges lodged by the Government.

But the most ripples in the Torun court were caused by Mr Jan Olszewski, the senior of the Popieluszko family lawyers, who hinted broadly that the murderers may have sought their inspiration from Moscow.

It is virtually impossible to spell such a sentiment out in a public trial in the Soviet bloc but the Catholic lawyer cushioned his words in a way instantly comprehensible to Poles without incurring the wrath of the judge. "It is quite obvious that this provocation, involving the spilling of blood and the death of a man, was supposed to start a spiral of terrorism in this country," Mr Olszewski declared.

But who would benefit from such violence? "I can't see any Polish interest, in that Poland would become a country of violence, terrorism and blood . . . every child in this country knows who is interested in the weakness of Poland." Coming from a seasoned Catholic lawyer – rather than a pro-communist advocate – that means only one power.

Another church lawyer, Mr Andrzej Grabinski, agreed with Mr Olszewski that the idea was to cause political havoc in Poland, and perhaps blame it on the Solidarity underground.

The church lawyers tried collectively to shift the emphasis of the state prosecutor away from a generalized assault on radical priests into a more systematic look at the crimes of the four defendants.

The other principal task of the Popieluszko lawyers was to protect the reputation of the priest. On Tuesday Mr Leszek Pietrasinski, the state prosecutor, spent half of his summing up speech against the four defendants attacking the political activities of Father Popieluszko.

# Jewish children 'fear Arabs'

From Christopher Walker
Jerusalem

A Study of the attitudes of Jewish elementary schoolchildren in Israel towards Arabs has revealed a disturbingly high level of fear and ignorance.

Most of the children in the three-month study declared "kidnapper, murder, terrorist and criminal" to be their four most immediate association with the word "Arab".

The survey, carried out by Professor Adin Cohen of Haifa University's centre for children's literature, involved 260 Haifa schoolchildren aged between nine and 12. Only 12 per cent of them has any personal acquaintance with Arabs, although the bustling port city has a mixed population.

In an essay one schoolgirl wrote: "I am scared of Arabs because of what my mother told my father: that even if an Arab is your friend, if you turn around to leave he will shoot you in the back."

Preliminary results of the survey, which is being extended to other parts of Israel, were published yesterday on the front page of the independent Tel Aviv paper *Ha'Aretz*.

The researchers noted that fear of Arabs was greatest among the youngest pupils. Positive attitudes were few, and usually stemmed from utilitarian considerations. Even when tolerance was shown, it was expressed "patronizingly".

Other negative associations that sprang to mind among the children on encountering the word Arab included "shepherd" (one child added: "This suits them"), vegetable market hawker, and use of guneral speech.

One young child wrote: "Murdered Danny Katz (a Jewish boy). Enemies, Hatred, Pig, Thieves, News."

# West Bank torture claims detailed

From Alan McGregor
Geneva

A detailed picture of the Israeli Army's alleged intimidation and torture techniques used systematically against young West Bank Arabs for "manufacturing confessions" is given in a report on the al-Fara'a military prison camp, 15 miles north-east of Nablus, issued by th International Commission of Jurists.

The information was supplied by the commission's West Bank affiliate, Law in the Service of Man. It consists mainly of 20 affidavits sworn under oath by former detainees – names withheld to protect them – who were questioned by lawyers following the rules of evidence observed by the courts. No witness was aware of what the others said.

It says men, often still in their teens, are removed from their homes during the night and driven away, hooded and handcuffed while subjected to blows and insults.

"The detainees are routinely beaten. They may be given cold showers, stood outside naked in the rain at night, deprived of sleep and food and psychologically humiliated to the point of dehumanization, such as forcing young detainees to masturbate in front of interrogators."

The commission says the affidavits corroborated allegations by the Israeli League of Civil and Human Rights in a petition to the Israeli Supreme Court last year and still awaiting hearing. One of the officers named was convicted by a military court and given what the ICJ considers to be a "derisory sentence" – two months in prison and a one-step reduction in rank.

# 37 Turks lost as landing craft sinks

Ankara, (Reuter) – Two people died and 37 were missing after a Turkish tank-landing craft on manoeuvres sank in a storm in the Aegean Sea yesterday.

Eleven of the fifty personnel on board had been rescued and a search was going of for those missing, according to the state radio.

## Pilots feared dead in Sahara

Brussels, (AFP) – Two Belgians following the Paris-to-Dakar auto rally in a light aircraft have been missing in the far south of the Western Sahara since January 21, the Belgian Foreign Ministry said amid reports that Polisario Front guerrillas shot down a similar plane, killing its two occupants.

The ministry said there was no confirmation of the deaths of Francois Mertens, aged 41, and Godfried Lenez, aged 35, who were reported missing after taking off from the coastal town of Dakhla heading for Dakar.

## Hassan talks on Gibraltar

Sir Joshua Hassan, Chief Minister of Gibraltar, spent an hour with Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, in London yesterday, discussing next week's important Anglo-Spanish meeting on the future of the Rock (Henry Stanhope writes).

The frontier between Spain and Gibraltar is due to be reopened on Monday, just before Tuesday's meeting in Geneva, which will mark the long-awaited implementation of the Anglo-Spanish Lisbon agreement of 1980.

## Couriers held

Valletta – Five Maltese couriers employed by foreign firms are being held in Libya on suspicion of illegal currency dealings, illegal distribution of mail, illegal importation of anti-Libyan propaganda, and the corruption of public officials, the House of Representatives was told.

## Fishing deadline

Tokyo (AP) Japan's Fisheries Minister, Mr Moriyoshi Sato, left yesterday for Moscow in a last-ditch effort to reach agreement on how many fish each may catch in the other's waters this year. The present agreement expires today.

## Pope's plea

Quito, (Reuter) – The Pope, on the second leg of a four-nation Latin American tour, yesterday urged young people in Ecuador to reject violence and hate and to work for a new world based on dignity and freedom from sin.

## Noumea rebuff

Paris (Reuter) – M Dick Ukeiwe, head of the local government of New Caledonia, yesterday rejected an independence plan formulated by France's special envoy, M Edgard Pisani, and demanded his recall to Paris.

## Killer dies

Starke (AFP) – James David Rawlerson, aged 33, convicted of the 1975 murder of a policeman, was executed yesterday in the electric chair at Florida State Prison as his victim's father looked on.

## Aids action

Stockholm, Jan 30, Reuter – Sweden's National Public Safety Board has urged the government to permit maximum two-year prison sentences for Aids victims having sexual intercourse with non-sufferers.

## Le Monde halted

Paris (AFP) – *Le Monde* was hit again yesterday by a 24-hour strike called by the Communist-led printers union to reinforce a demand that no printing jobs be cut in the newspaper's announced economy drive.

## Shot athlete

Las Palmas (AFP) – Policeman, Javier Pineiro Chozas, was sentenced to a year and two months in jail for the murder at a discotheque here last April of a Finnish athlete Oli Kanervisto, sources said here.

## Baker's job

Washington (Reuter) – The US Senate has unanimously approved the nomination of Mr James Baker as Secretary of the Treasury.

## Gulf attack

Baghdad, (AP) – Iraqi warplanes hit an unidentified "very large naval target" in the Gulf yesterday, a military spokesman said.

## Kenya prices up

Nairobi – Kenya yesterday raised prices of milk, sugar, tea, rice and beef to enable higher prices to be paid to producers badly hit by last year's drought.

## Correction

The governor of Carinthia is Herr Leopold Wagner, not Herr Jörg, as stated on January 26. The latter defended Herr Frischenschlager

## Neo-Fascism and the wartime legacy

# Army doubts about defence chief

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Although Herr Friedhelm Frischenschlager, the Austrian Defence Minister, has not been required to resign over his personal welcome of Herr Reder, the repatriated Nazi war criminal, he appears to have lost much credibility with the Austrian Army.

He had been expected to host a celebration for the composition of a new military march in Vienna's war museum on Tuesday night, but the event went ahead without him.

However, in spite of widespread disenchantment with the Government's decision to retain Herr Frischenschlager, Chancellor Fred Sinowatz is confident of winning tomorrow's parliamentary vote of confidence in his Government, moved by the Opposition.

Several Socialist ministers emerged clearly upset from the three-hour Cabinet meeting when Herr Frischenschlager delivered his apology. At least two of them, including Dr Ferdinand Lacking, Minister for Transport, are believed to be contemplating resigning.

The Defence Minister's credibility, even among his own supporters in the right wing Freedom Party, would also seem to be on the decline. After rising almost to a man to defend his actions, which one of their leading members, Herr Jorg Haider described as "a suitable greeting for a former Austrian soldier", many have subsequently been disappointed by his apology.

Herr Frischenschlager created a controversy in November 1983 by attending a Waffen SS veterans' reunion in Salzburg, but has enjoyed the undivided support of his party since. His admission of that mistake is unlikely to endear him to the minority in his party which makes no secret of its pan-German sentiments.

Newspapers published letters yesterday expressing alternatively anger at the minister's apology or outrage that his continued presence in the Goverment threatened to undo all the good work Austrians had achieved over the last 40 years in dissociating themselves from Nazism.

Commentators expressed the fear that the behaviour of the Freedom Party in supporting Herr Frischenschlager revealed a number of members who are uncritical of the entire Nazi movement.

Ironically Dr Norbert Stager, the leader of the Freedom Party and Austria's Vice-Chancellor, seems to have emerged from the affair with an enhanced reputation. Many believe his apparent ability to influence the Socialist Government by themselves to pull out should Herr Frischenschlager resign has improved its bargaining position, albeit at the price of ministerial responsibility.

● **ART PLEDGE:** Chancellor Sinowatz has promised that his Government will try to return to its owners art objects the Nazis stole from Jews here, the Committee for Jewish Claims in Austria announced (AP reports).



# British racism growing, MEPs told

From Ian Murray
Brussels

"State racism" is on the increase in Britain, Professor Bhikhu Pareekh told the first public session of the European Parliament's committee of inquiry into the rise of fascism and racism in Europe, in Brussels yesterday.

The professor, who teaches political theory at Hull University, said that although the National Front and the British Movement had been virtually wiped out in elections, the influence of their views was infiltrating some areas of the Conservative Party.

In his view, racism in Britain was "masquerading in the name of nationalism." Although fascist and racist groups were in decline, racialist tendencies were on the increase. Mrs Margaret Thatcher had campaigned on an anti-immigrant line since 1979 to bring back supporters into her party. Now they were able to influence policy.

He listed ways in which he said "state racism" was evident. These included the granting of limited citizenship, allowing wives to join their husbands and dependants to enter Britain. There was also what he saw as the increase in deportation and the pressure for repatriation.

Surveys among Conservative candidates, he claimed, showed that 19 per cent favoured repatriation as a principle, while 32 per cent believed black people should be encouraged to return to their country of origin.

He called for a permanent committee of the European Parliament to monitor the trends throughout the Community and to have a salutary effect on government by its very existence.



● **JAILED:** Helmut Krizons (above), a 68-year-old former SS corporal, was sentenced yesterday to three years imprisonment for complicity in the murder of Jews after the longest individual war crimes trial in West Germany. Krizons was convicted of deporting 15,000 Poles, most of them Jews, from the Lodz ghetto in Poland to a nearby extermination camp in 1942, but cleared of other accusations of brutality and killing Jews without orders. His trial in Bochem lasted five and a half years.

In Lyons, France, yesterday the chief prosecutor's office said the trial of Klaus Barbie, the city's Gestapo head from 1942 to 1944, would probably start in December.

# Croatian unfit to face court

Los Angeles – Andrija Artukovic, the 85-year-old former Croatian government official who is facing extradition to Yugoslavia for war-crimes has been declared mentally incompetent by a court-appointed psychiatrist.

Artukovic, charged with complicity in the mass murder of 770,000 Serbs, Jews and Gypsies, in Croatia during the Second World War, is not capable of withstanding "any legal proceedings especially as lengthy and complicated as this", the court was told.

An earlier psychiatric report had said that Artukovic, although suffering from memory loss and periods of confusion, understands the charges.

## Border tensions rise

# Chinese troops 'ready to repulse Vietnam'

Peking (Reuter) – China's troops are combat-ready on the Vietnam border, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday. It would not confirm that reinforcements had been sent.

The New China news agency had earlier quoted the Foreign Minister, Mr Wu Xueqian, as saying that China reserved the right to teach Vietnam a "second lesson" because of Hanoi's "frenzied provocations".

Asked yesterday to comment on Vietnamese reports that China had reinforced border air and ground forces, a ministry spokesman replied: "Recently, while launching military attacks in areas along the Cambodian-Thai border, the Vietnamese authorities have made repeated military provocations against and incursions into the Chinese border areas.

"The Chinese frontier forces are in combat readiness to repulse the aggressors."

China sent troops into Vietnam in a "self-defensive counter-attack" six years ago, after Hanoi's forces entered Cambodia to topple the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge government.

Today it supports a three-party coalition linking the Khmer Rouge, the Kampuchean People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF) and a faction led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

Peking has increased its criticism of Vietnam's Cambodia policy since its troops took control of seven KPNLF positions near the Thai border.

● **KHAO DIN:** Thailand has reinforced its military strength opposite the Cambodian jungle region where Thai commanders believe the Vietnamese will soon launch a major drive against the Khmer Rouge (AP reports).

Lieutenant-General Pichitr Kullavanijaya, commander of the 1st Army, said yesterday Hanoi would strike against Khmer Rouge strongholds south of the border town of Aranyaprathet.

● **HANOI:** The United Nations Secretary General, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, said yesterday that modest progress had been made in the search for peace in Cambodia, but that much remained to be done (Reuter reports).

He had obtained important clarifications which should help non-communist South-east Asian nations to understand Vietnam's position, he said after an unscheduled third meeting with the Vietnamese Foreign Minister, Mr Nguyen Co Thach.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, said that his recent conversations with Thai, Laotian and Vietnamese officials had given him reason for hope "and I feel encouraged to continue my efforts."

During his 48-hour visit to Hanoi he had given Vietnamese officials messages from Thailand and the United States.



Mr Co Thach: Talks bring guarded optimism.

# Japan's school violence claims its first death

From David Watts, Tokyo

A junior high school teacher died yesterday after being attacked by a student, the first such death since the Government began keeping records on endemic violence in schools seven years ago.

Though school violence has declined over the last two years, 1,683 incidents were reported to the police in 1984. Most probably many more attacks went unreported, particularly on women teachers who are reluctant to report incidents which may have a sexual connotation.

The teacher who died was Mr Yasuaki Nakawatari who, at 24, was only a few years older than his assailant. His attacker was not a member of his class but wandered into his classroom halfway through a lesson and hit the teacher about the head and body. Mr Nakawatari went into a coma from which he did not recover.

Police said the student had been drinking whisky that morning. He is to appear before a family court in northern Japan.

Violence in Japanese schools has been a serious problem over the years since the country became wealthy. The decreasing authority of the father through his almost continual absence from the home is a major reason for juvenile dilinquency.

# Drugs plant theory as premier is cleared

From John Best, Ottawa

Mr Richard Hatfield, Premier of New Brunswick, has been acquitted of possessing marijuana by a judge who found that the drug may have been planted in his suitcase by a reporter looking for "the juiciest story".

Giving judgment on Tuesday, following two-day trial in Fredericton, judge Andrew Harrigan ruled that the prosecution had not proved its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

A Royal Canadian Mounted Police corporal had testified that he could not positively identify fingerprints found on a plastic bag containing the marijuana as belonging to Mr Hatfield.

Judge Harrigan agreed with a suggestion by the defence lawyer, Mr Donald Gillis, that the drug may have been planted by a television reporter, Mr Patrick Ryan, to create "the juiciest story ever to crack the media".

After the verdict was announced Mr Ryan said he planned to consult a lawyer.

● **TOURIST TRAIL:** President Alfonsin of Argentina at the Acropolis in Athens yesterday. He is in Greece to review the results of the six-nation disarmament conference he attended in Delhi on Monday.

President Alfonsin, President Karamanlis of Greece, President Nyerere of Tanzania and Mr Olof Palme, Sweden's Prime Minister, will meet today with more than 50 politicians, economists, scholars and poets from 25 countries to discuss the Delhi meeting.

# Japanese unveil 3-D television prototype

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

**The Japanese have unveiled their design of a three-dimensional television – one of the first to produce visual effects without the need for tinted spectacles.**

**The innovation is that of Matshusita Electric, which has developed a technique to synchronize pictures taken of the same subject from five different cameras and angles.**

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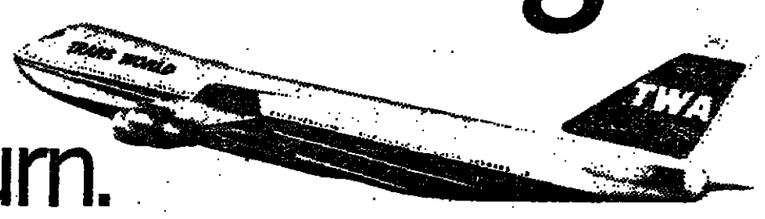

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# Breakfast's no trivial pursuit at TV-am

## The Times Profile: Bruce Gyngell

TV-am's first birthday a year ago tomorrow looked very much as though it would be its last. Despite the introduction of "superstar" Roland Rat and an injection of £4 million from its backers a mere two months before, the breakfast station had drifted into another financial crisis. Without redundancies and the influx of even more millions, staff were told, the station would close.

Tomorrow's second birthday celebration will be considerably less gloomy. The peak time audience has reached 2½ million (from just 200,000 during the darkest days of the Famous Five).

The weekly audience has doubled in a year from seven million to 14 million and advertisers are eagerly taking advantage. In the last quarter of last year, revenue exceeded costs for the first time.

The company is forecasting that it will take £22 million in advertising revenue in the coming year and make its first trading profit while, as if to put an editorial stamp of approval on the operation, Jonathan Dimbleby – one of the journalists who originally put up the idea of breakfast television to the IBA, but whose consortium AM-TV lost to Peter Jay's all-star team – is joining the station.

The man who has presided over this remarkable transformation is an Australian, Bruce Gyngell, who became managing director nine months ago, having been sent by his old friend and business associate Kerry Packer to look after his new investment in the struggling breakfast station. Gyngell's arrival was quickly followed by the departure of the

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editor-in-chief, Greg Dyke, whose programme changes had boosted audiences, and by further budget cuts, including decisions to pull out of ITV's Olympics coverage (ITV later pulled out altogether), to close down the station's award-winning consumer affairs unit and to cut back the children's programme department.

A stream of stories about him in the diary columns during this period has given the impression of an eccentric combination of Australian male chauvinist and playboy, Eastern mystic and unashamed trivializer of programme output. One story that has been printed more than once had him commenting to Packer as a female employee walked past: "Gee, Kerry, look at those knockers", while others have concentrated on his apparent fondness for macrobiotic food, the proper ying/yang balance in diet, and the joys of Buddhism and meditation. Considerable coverage was given to his seven-page review of TV-am's news output, apparently suggesting that his idea of news was a skateboarding duck, rather than the Foreign Secretary's disarmament talks in Moscow.

Gyngell's appearance belies these stories, though he disarmingly admits that they all contain more than an element of truth. Tall, charming and elegant, with the telegenic features of a programme presenter (he was the first person to appear on Australian television), he has a curriculum vitae that might have been designed specifically to impress the IBA.

Gyngell (the first "G" is hard, the second soft) is fond of telling people that he appears as the answer to three questions in the Australian version of Trivial Pursuit: the first man on Australian television, the first chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal (the equivalent of the IBA), and the man who set up the government-funded multi-cultural channel.

Nor is he unknown to the British broadcasting establishment. For three years in the early 1970s, he was Sir Lew Grade's right-hand man at ATV – typically, Grade introduces Gyngell on his arrival in the UK as "one of the truly outstanding figures in world television, a man after my own heart" – during which period he became chairman of the ITV companies' all-important Network Planning Committee, sitting round the table with the men who are now running ITV, such as David Plowright of Granada, Paul Fox of Yorkshire and Brian Tesler of London Weekend (and competing with Thames managing director Bryan Cowgill, then at the BBC).

His arrival as Packer's representative on the TV-am board, amid the threats of closure last February, was widely welcomed at the time – Packer was viewed by the staff as a more welcome backer than Robert Maxwell – not least by Greg Dyke, as Dyke now ruefully admits: "When he first arrived, I was impressed and I said to Packer why don't you leave him behind to run the place?"

Three months later, having advised Packer to put another £1½ million into the station (on top of an earlier £1 million) which increased his stake from 10 to 23 per cent, Gyngell had returned as managing director. Unlike his predecessors, Peter Jay and Timothy Aitken (and, briefly, Jonathan Aitken), he had experience of running a television company.

"It was a very smart move to bring Bruce in", says a senior ITV executive. "He knew the game and he knew his way round the corridors of the IBA. We all welcomed him because he was an old friend, and he got help from people."

"TV-am had successfully alienated almost the entire TV industry, with its arrogant attitude that somehow TV had never really existed until it came along", says Gyngell. "A lot of my job has been to build bridges and mend fences and show we are competent professionals."

The bridge-building did not begin at home, however. Within three weeks, Dyke had resigned, soon to be followed by a number of other programme executives. Dyke disagreed with Gyngell's plans to make further programming cuts, on top of those agreed by station staff in February.

"We'd already cut costs by £5 million and we couldn't do any more without causing permanent damage", says Dyke. "My view was that you couldn't cut yourself out of the situation, you'd have to sell yourself out – and in fact that's what happened since. The audience has steadily grown and the sales team has done a very good job pulling in the advertising." Dyke's supporters maintain that the station would have "come good" without Gyngell's influence.

Gyngell maintains that the station simply could not wait until the revenue began to improve. "It was literally a matter of survival – we were still losing £500,000 a month between May and August." As late as September, he says, he had to persuade a major advertiser to pay for its screening its Norman Tebbit scoop. The difficulty was not TV-am's alone. Part of the problem, says Gyngell, was that ITN insisted on editing its own package before delivering it to TV-am. Had it delivered the raw footage, he says, it could have been screened 45 minutes earlier. Nevertheless, the ITV inquest into TV-am's Brighton coverage has produced little so far in the way of improved co-operation between ITV companies.

ITV executives suggest that

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once Gyngell has finally turned the fortunes of TV-am round, he will return to Australia and resume his role as adviser to Kerry Packer, but Gyngell says he's here for the next three or four years. "I love London and I'll probably end my working days here", he says. "In Australia, I'm regarded as the old man of television – they think I'm 75 – whereas here I'm not 'old Bruce'. I'm just 'Bruce'."

Gyngell is, in fact, 55, eight years older than Kerry Packer, with whom he has been friends for over 30 years. When TV started in Australia, Gyngell became a presenter on Sydney's Channel 9, the station owned by Kerry's father Sir Frank Packer, subsequently becoming programme controller and, at the age of 35, managing director. At one stage, Kerry was his assistant.

In 1969, after a row with Sir Frank, Gyngell left to become managing director of the rival Channel 7, which was owned by the Fairfax organization (incidentally the latest Australian media dynasty to arrive in Britain, through the takeover of the *Spectator*). Having built up Channel 9's dominance in the ratings, he proceeded to topple it with Channel 7, by introducing "specials" from America featuring stars such as Barbra Streisand, British comedy and entertainment shows and a number of heavier home-grown series, all packed together as the "seven revolution" (a phrase inspired by the Che Guevara cult of the time), under the slogan "If it's special, it's on seven". Channel 7 became the top-rated station and Gyngell increased its profits fivefold in a year, in the process becoming the country's highest paid executive in the entertainment business.

It was from here, in 1972, that Sir Lew Grade plucked him to be his deputy at ATV – and, people assumed, his heir apparent. "Lew always liked to have a wunderkind, a young personable frontman", recalls a former ATV executive, "but he recognized Bruce as a professional, who could produce the ratings."

Gyngell left ATV to return to Australia in 1975, amid speculation that he had lost out in a boardroom battle. He himself maintains he moved largely for family reasons – his wife and three children were not happy here and had returned to Australia the year before – though another factor, he concedes, was that "My expectation had been that I'd take over from Lew and I'd realized by then that he would never retire".

He set up as an independent producer, but within a few months Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser had offered him the chairmanship of a new regulatory authority that was being set up to control commercial broadcasting, the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal. His three-year term was not uncontroversial, with critics complaining that the tribunal was too close to the industry's commercial interests and lacked teeth, but he introduced guidelines on children's programming and was not beyond criticising the output of Kerry Packer's stations.

He turned down a second term, whereupon Fraser gave him another task: to set up the country's first "multi-cultural" TV service for ethnic minorities, in fulfilment of an election pledge made in 1977. The Government put up £11½ million to fund the channel and Gyngell put it on air within seven months. "We had the best French, Italian, Yugoslav, Greek, Indian and Arabic programmes – and the biggest sub-titling unit in the world, 90 people", he says.

"He's not just a commercial operator", says Yorkshire Television's Paul Fox. "He did a first class public service job with the ethnic channel and achieved something very creditable."

Nevertheless, Gyngell came under fire from all sides. "The jingoistic, Colonel Blimp, white Anglo-Saxon Australians were horrified by the concept – they called it 'wog television' – but the ethnic groups themselves were also very much against me because I was white and Anglo-Saxon", he says.

The experience had a profound effect on him, and more than partly explains his interest in Eastern mysticism and Oriental philosophy. Once known as a high liver, he now keeps to a stricty balanced macrobiotic diet, eating no processed foods, no meat and only the occasional fish when business requires him to eat out. He does not drink except for a celebratory glass on festive occasions.

He meditates for an hour generally starting at 5am and runs between three and seven miles a day in Hyde Park. He goes to a gym three times a week.

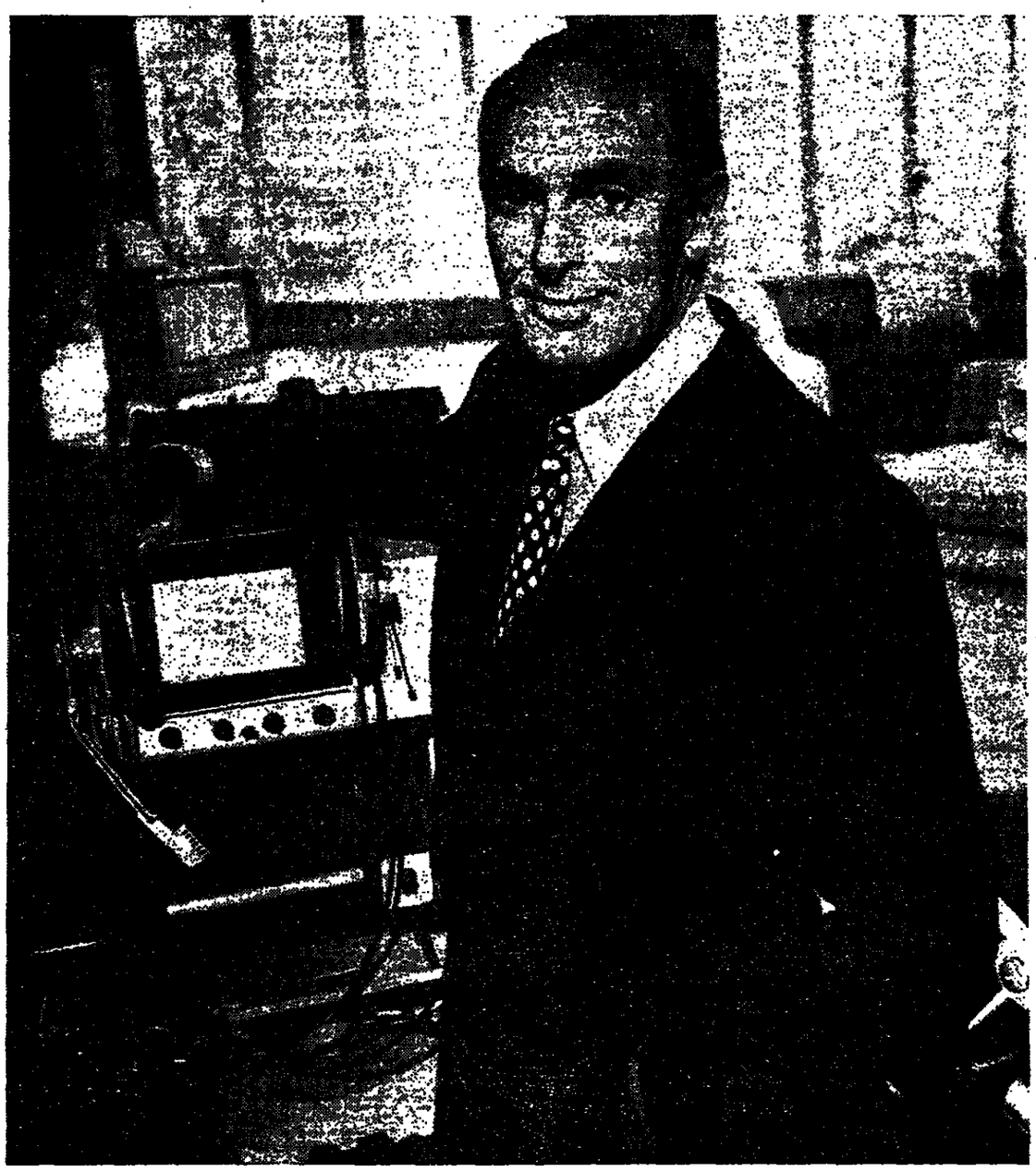
"Perhaps as you get older you get more philosophical", he says. "I'm a child of wonder, I like trying things out. I now feel healthier and more buoyant than I did at 30."

"In setting up the multi-cultural channel I became very involved and developed a fascination for it all. In fact, I've found much of the Zen philosophy very useful.

"For examply, one of their aphorisms is, if you sit down and look at a problem and you rationally analyse there is not one thing further you can do to change its outcome, forget about it, don't carry it with you. Part of the tension of the western world in many cases is worry, carrying things around with you."

The experience, and the philosophy, could hardly have been better preparation for his stint at TV-am.

**Torin Douglas**



Gyngell at Camden Lock . . . putting the snap, crackle and pop into breakfast television

### FOCUS ON HIS CAREER

**1929:** Born July 8 in Melbourne, Australia. Educated Sydney Grammar School and Sydney University.
**1950:** Joined Australian Broadcasting Corporation as trainee radio announcer.
**1955:** Sent to Columbia University, New York, by Sir Frank Packer's Television Corporation Ltd to study communications. Worked with NBC TV New York, WEWS TV Cleveland and KGMB TV Honolulu to gain experience.
**1956:** Joined Television Corporation's Channel 9 in Sydney as presenter. Hosted opening night of Australian television, September 16. Subsequently became programme controller.
**1964:** Managing director, Channel 9.
**1969:** Managing director of the Seven Network, with stations in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide.
**1972:** Joined ATV as Sir Lew Grade's deputy managing director. Subsequently became deputy chairman and joint managing director. Also deputy managing director of ITC Entertainment.
**1974:** Chairman of Independent Television Companies Association's Network Planning Committee.
**1976:** Left ATV to become independent producer in Australia and America.
**1977:** Appointed first chairman of the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal.
**1980:** Appointed chief executive of the Special Broadcasting Service to create and establish multi-cultural television in Australia.
**1983:** Established Consolidated Media Projects, a media consultancy and television production company; clients include Kerry Packer's Consolidated Press Holdings.
**1984:** January 26, joined board of TV-am. May 9, became managing director of TV-am.
Married (separated) with three children. His wife, Ann, is an award-winning interior designer in Australia, while his daughter Briony is a noted fashion designer, with collections in New York (Bloomingdales) and Australia.

*moreover . . .* Miles Kington

## Can you pick an Oscar winner?

I happened to read the following commentary on the day that the General Sharon v *Time* case was settled. I wonder if you can guess who wrote it.

"We are dominated by journalism. In America the President reigns for four years and journalism governs for ever and ever. Fortunately, in America journalism has carried its authority to the grossest and most brutal extreme. As a natural consequence it has begun to create a spirit of revolt. People are amused by it, or disgusted by it, according to their temperaments. But is is no longer the real force it was. It is not seriously treated."

I am glad to be able to tell you that those words were written about 100 years ago by Oscar Wilde in *The Soul of Man under Socialism*, which means that distrust of the press is nothing special to this generation. Good old Oscar – one always feels that he usually managed to say it first. Yet the curious thing was that as I read his tract on socialism I could not help feeling that I had read a lot of it somewhere else before, that Oscar's ideas and even his tone of voice had come from a writer operating earlier than him.

And after a bit of scrabbling around, I have discovered a potent source of Wildeisms. At least, I would say that the following passage could be ascribed to Wilde without a great deal of trouble. More prizes for guessing the author.

"Someone somewhere once wrote that art and literature can change society. Whoever he was, he was undoubtedly a half-wit. One might as well say that the little flowers make spring come, whereas in fact it is spring that tends to make the little flowers come . . . It is trees that bear fruit, not fruit that bears trees, and books are the fruit of society."

Or this . . . "Nothing that is beautiful is absolutely necessary. Beauty can only be found in things which have no use – anything that is useful is bound to be ugly, because it answers some human need and the needs of men are always undignified and disgusting. No, I count myself among those for whom only the superfluous is necessary."

Now that is as near as dammit the same as "Give us the luxuries of life and we will dispense with its necessities". The latter is usually ascribed to Oscar Wilde. The dictionaries correct this and ascribe it to J. L. Motley, but my man got there before either of them. He was Theophile Gautier, writing in the preface to his novel *Mademoiselle de Maupin*, in 1834, which is 20 years before Wilde was born.

Wilde wrote: "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all." Gautier wrote: "They say that you can exist on 25 sous a day, but not being dead is not the same thing as being alive".

To be fair, Wilde did often praise Gautier but as a poet and critic, not as a wit from whom he may or may not have swiped ideas. There is a double paradox here. Wilde liked to be thought of as a poet and artist, but we British prefer to remember him as a wit, a fund of good lines. Gautier was one of the funniest and most lively journalists that ever wrote, but the French would far rather remember him as the exquisite poet and perceptive critic. The British have through ignorance adopted this view, and if Gautier is ever mentioned in English dictionaries of quotations it is as the poet, not as the man who got there long before Wilde did.

Certainly not as the man who referred in 1834 to: "the triple and glorious advantage we have over all other animals, of being able to drink when not thirsty, to light up whenever necessary, and to make love at all seasons – certainly greater distinguishing marks than merely being able to read newspapers or make up title deeds to one's property."

I seem to have come back to journalism again. . . .


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## FINDINGS

### By a whisker



All of life is a difficult decision, but a question put to the German people by the Institute für Demoskopie Allensbach last July must have caused some hard thinking. The question began "Let me tell you about an actual case. Recently there was an accident caused by a driver who braked suddenly for a cat. As a result, another driver hit his car. The lower court sentenced the first driver (the one who did not run over the cat) to a fine because he put on his brakes without sufficient cause. A higher court lifted the sentence, arguing that someone who likes cats has sufficient reason to brake."

The cat lovers had the plurality, 47 per cent to 36 per cent with 17 per cent undecided. Among men, the cat lost 43 per cent to 40 per cent, among women a majority (53 per cent) were for the cat, while 30 per cent of women said the driver should have been fined.

### High flyer

Forbes Magazine *has reported a study "of more than 50 women" by the University of Texas showing that female leaders were often the first-born in their families, had strong academic records in high school and college and saw their father as primary role models. Successful women are hard-driving, made early career choices and assumed leadership positions beginning in high school. They work long hours but co-operate rather than compete with co-workers. Most view children as a road-block and 75 per cent had no plans to have them.*

### Smoke screen

One-third of American adults will smoke 600 billion cigarettes in 1985. Four out of five of these smokers say they would like to quit. According to the Public Health Service, between 1965 and 1980 the incidence of men who successfully quit smoking increased from 20 per cent of adult men to more than 30 per cent, while those who had never smoked went up from 28 per cent to 32 per cent of men.

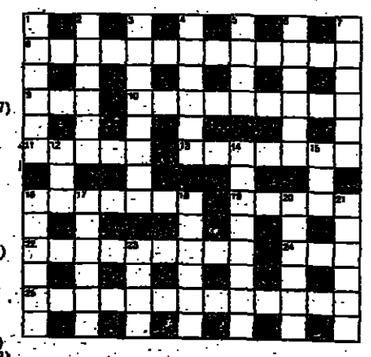
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# BOOKS

# The novelist in search of God

## James Fenton on the highways and byways of belief

**HOW CAN WE KNOW?**
**By A.N. Wilson**
*Hamish Hamilton, £6.95*

In presenting his account of what Christianity means to him, the novelist A.N. Wilson adopts, for the most part, a tone of slimy humility. "At times, there are embarrassing bits. It is embarrassing, talking about God. I have felt it was worth slogging on and trying to ignore the embarrassment." And again: "At the risk of embarrassing everyone, including myself, I offer this unpolished piece of prose to a public who probably shares the various doubts and difficulties I have experienced." Nobody should be taken in by this tone of voice. Mr Wilson is a professional author and controversy-monger, quite capable of defending himself by dipping his pen in acid. It is true that his prose is unpolished – slapdash would be another word – but he could have got help.

He comes before us as a defender of what he calls an "Anglo-Catholic position" – or so he says, and yet there are moments when he appears in mortal danger of atheism. He not only tells us about his spiritual struggles – he exhibits his unhealed wounds.

He has flirted with Rome. He would like to go back to "the Roman obedience." He is aware of the effects of biblical scholarship, and yet he must ignore them. He almost accepts, for instance, that Jesus felt himself to be sent to the Jews alone, and that he thought of non-Jews as dogs and swine. Yet he must behave as if Jesus spoke directly to him. He tells us that there is absolutely no proof in the New Testament that Jesus claimed to be God. But he will not tell us what conclusions he himself draws from this striking observation. As a theologian he makes messes all over the House of Faith, and he refuses to clear them up.

His attitude to the Resurrection is an interesting example of the evasive mind at work. On the one hand he cannot see how anyone could be a Christian without believing that Christ rose from the dead, "and that in an objective and absolute sense." But he will not accept anything offered as proof of the Resurrection: "We are not the contemporaries of over five hundred brethren who have seen the risen Jesus in the flesh. Perhaps, being the contemporaries of five hundred Egyptians who have seen the Blessed Virgin hovering over the rooftops of suburban Cairo – as I gather that we are – we should not be much impressed anyway by eye-witness reports of the Resurrection appearances." The doubt Mr Wilson here casts on the post-Resurrection stories seems thoroughly wordly-wise – self-evidently it is absurd that the Virgin Mary should choose to appear in Cairo, particularly suburban Cairo. And yet; and yet. This worldly-wise young man is a great believer in miracles. He is impressed by Padre Pio ("Many eye-witnesses have testified that there came from the body of the Saint the very odour of sanctity, a smell like flowers"). The moral here appears to be that we should not trust eye-witnesses unless they are also nose-witnesses. We are spared Mr Wilson's views on the Holy Shroud of Turin.

The title of this book should really be, *How Can We Have Our Cake and Eat It?* And the answer offered is that, given enough slimy humility, all things are possible. So on page 106 Mr Wilson appears to concede that for ordinary people the experience of suffering makes it "logically impossible to believe in an all-loving and all-powerful God." But by page 109 he has recovered his wits sufficiently to say:

*If a philosopher tells us that we can not logically believe in an all-powerful loving God since his existence is denied by the suffering of his creation, there is no need to bluster, nor to say anything in reply. In so far as it is true, the statement must be accepted with intellectual humility. In so far as it is only part of the truth, we learn more of it from silence, from the lives of the suffering transformed by the passion of Jesus Christ, the ultimate mystery of Calvary, the most violent and eloquent example in history, according to theology, when the power of God was seemingly abandoned, and his love was most totally vulnerable.*

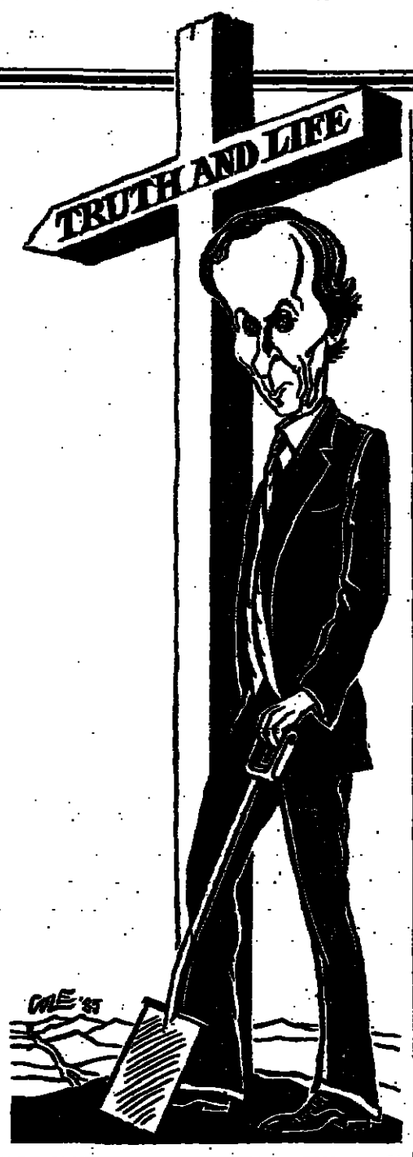
So if you were to say to Mr Wilson, "My experience of suffering makes it impossible for me to believe in your God of love", he would reply, in all humility, "You are right not to believe in Him, and the great mystery is that I am more right than you, because I believe in Him." This is the level of argument with which we are dealing. As Mr Wilson himself puts it: "I am not a particularly rational person. . ." He is not, indeed, but he is acutely aware of the prestige of reason. Hence the furtive humility. Hence the slime.

Mr Wilson's spiritual journey has been colourful. By the age of fifteen or sixteen he had been by turns "a convert to a simple sort of Evangelical Christianity, an atheist, a Marxist with particular devotion to the teachings of Chairman Mao." Then Tolstoy took hold of him for a while, and he lived in awe of the man's attempt to follow the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount. Next came Anglo-Catholicism. Then Rome. The hero now was Belloc ("A great man, though not so great a man as Tolstoy") with his view that the important thing was to see that Christ had founded the Church and that we ought to belong to it. If you believe in the Church, you don't have to worry about your difficulties over accepting, say, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church does the believing for you. It orders you to follow suit.

But in due course Mr Wilson came to see that "this attitude to Catholicism is really the last refuge of scepticism." Belloc had written to Chesterton, upon the latter's embracing the Roman obedience: "I am by all nature of mind sceptical. I am alone and unfed, the more do I affirm the sanctity, the unity, the infallibility of the Catholic Church . . ." But you can't do your believing at one remove. It has to be you who believes.

And anyway, Mr Wilson wanted to get married, and his intended had no intention of embracing the Roman obedience. So he went back to the Anglican Church and asked to be received into it. But his Vicar thought this was absurd: there was but one "upper room", whether you called it Rome or Canterbury. My guess is that the masochist in Mr Wilson was slightly disappointed at there being no return of the prodigal son ceremony when you give up embracing the Popish obedience. But there were pleasant surprises in store. The Anglican Church to which he returned was "more crammed with relics, incense-smoke, statues of Our Lady and holy water stoups than any church of the Roman obedience in the town where I was living." Better still: "my nuptial mass was word-for-word identical to the beautiful old rite which some call Tridentine."

He does not tell us what he wore at his nuptial mass. But since we are obviously back in the world of Barbara Pym I should guess it would involve watered silk and plenty of frills. There is one word to describe the religious milieu in which Mr Wilson settled back: it is shamelessly, inescapably, camp.




# Gay women, gossip and goodish art

**Kay Dick**

**BRETT**
**From Bloomsbury to New Mexico**
**By Sean Hignett**
*Hodder & Stoughton, £14.95*

Let it be indicated at once: this is a vividly entertaining biography. Even if you have read enough about Bloomsbury, Katherine Mansfield, D. H. Lawrence, and the associated cabals, Mr Hignett's vigorous research into the Hon. Dorothy Brett's tumultuous 94 years should not be missed. This story, both farcical and tragical, opens up entirely new perspectives on personalities we have come to associate with the pre-First World War Slade School of Art, the Garsington and Hampstead sets of the twenties, Capri and other European "literary" resorts, and Mexico where Brett's last 50 years were so jubilantly consecrated to the posthumous worship of D. H. Lawrence by that triad of females – all neighbours – Brett, Frieda and Mabel Luhan.

The illustrations are superb, including many coloured reproductions of Brett's work. She was certainly talented. Mr Hignett's style is, at times, a trifle rough, and one gross error has escaped his editors when he states that Vanessa Bell was married to Duncan Grant. Even so, one forgives this, because Mr Hignett has had a rough ride, being denied reproduction rights to the 100 letters written to Brett by Katherine Mansfield. A very shabby deal which delayed publication. However, Mr Hignett has used the information with shrewdness, as bountifully as he has used Brett's incredible hitherto unpublished diaries.

What is so fascinating is the contrast in lifestyle between Brett's beginning and end in a cabin in New Mexico. Daughter of Viscount Esher, known incongruously as Doll, she enjoyed domesticity at Windsor Castle, being one of Queen Victoria's god-children. Initially hostile to men (she blamed her brothers for this sexual fear), her first passionate crush was on the Ranee of Sarawak. The family was an element Brett fought all her life, with exasperation on both sides and clearly much love: she was given freedom to study painting, plus an allowance, and the use of the town house where she sheltered many of her bohemian friends. Letters exchanged between Brett and Esher are wonderfully illuminating. The second big crush in Brett's life was Ottoline Morrell, partly, one suspects, "consummated". Brett was hardly easy to handle, either by friends or potential lovers.

Brett's third great love object was (alas for her) Katherine Mansfield, and she solved the problem of not getting Katherine to bed by going to bed with Murry instead (what a nasty little man Murry always comes through as being). Katherine followed the affair with distaste, fear and amused observation.

Then, into all these magical tortuous relationships, comes the final hero, D. H. Lawrence. Bland adoration was Brett's stance here, and whether Frieda objected or not, Brett became part of the ménage. Letters and diaries quoted make a DHL novel, with the Taos setting. "You're a born separator" Lawrence wrote to Brett. Which did not prevent him going to her bed (several times). Brett's account of Lawrence's failure is graphic. "Your pubes are wrong", said Lawrence spitefully, blaming his failure on Brett. Needless to add Lawrence sent her a lecture about sex after that.

This section alone makes Mr Hignett's book superb gossip entertainment, although the grief underneath it all is clear. Brett wished to be loved above all others (so was it with her in the family), to be number one, never succeeding.

Altogether an extraordinary story. Brett does not come through as an entirely likeable character. One admires her vitality, her refusal to grow old gracefully, but she must have been a sore trial to her friends. Yet they did court her as much as she courted them. She made people "take her in." One is not certain that Mr Hignett liked her by the time he finished his biography; he is, one feels, happy when he reaches her ashes, which being Brett's were temporarily lost. I am not certain that I like her: would certainly have run a mile away on sight, although very definitely can confirm my total enjoyment of this fantastic, robust, informative and vivid biography. One fact remains above the torrid relationships: her work is rather good, judging by the paintings herein reproduced, and that, after all, is what counts, finally.

# Home on the range, and Oz

FICTION

**Stuart Evans**

**LOVE MEDICINE**
**By Louise Erdrich**
*Andre Deutsch, £6.95*

**ANTIPODES**
**By David Malouf**
*Chatto & Windus, £8.95*

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**
**By Alison Lurie**
*Michael Joseph, £8.95*

**FAMILY MYTHS AND LEGENDS**
**By Patricia Ferguson**
*Andre Deutsch, £7.95*

*Love Medicine* is a powerful and passionate first novel. It describes the interlocking lives of two families most of whom are part Chippewa Indian, members of the once vigorous tribe (to which the author herself belongs) now relegated to reservations in the Dakotas and Montana. The Kashpaws and Lamartines live through turbulent love, intense hatred, malice, madness, spite, and betrayals, dominated by the proud rivalry of Kashpaw matriarch, Marie, and Lulu Lamartine, mother of ten children by various men, including Nector Kashpaw, Marie's husband, who has retained a life-long lust for her. The novel traces the destinies of both families through successive generations switching backwards and forwards in time over 50 years.

Each episode is complete in itself, but far from being episodic there is a carefully arranged, impressive coherence. The themes are dominance, greed, violence, lust, religious fanaticism, desolation, despair – above all a search for identity in the light of traditional loyalty, superstition and religious indoctrination. The choice of symbols, adumbrated in the chapter headings, is apt and moving, while the variety of narrative displays a mastery of harsh, lyrical, raw and subtle prose in dealing with material rich in action and character. If there is one flaw, it is that the fate of Lulu during a raging fire is revealed too soon, depriving Louise Erdrich of the kind of narrative coup at which she excels in later sections.

David Malouf's excellent collection of stories examines the stresses, confusions and lost longings of a variety of "new" Australians, often Central European in origin, and of their children and other compatriots visiting Europe. But the *Antipodes* of the title also represents opposites of all kinds in the lives and experience of sympathetic people trying to live their lives as best they may. Although each narrative is distinct and self-contained, there is an underlying theme – an existential awareness of inevitable death, which has much to do with dignity and little with despair. "Southern Skies", "The Sun in Winter" and the particularly profound and moving "In Trust". Some stories are enigmatic but Mr Malouf is at his best when he introduces conflict or a feeling of mystery between characters – "Sorrows and Secrets", "A change of Scene". The quality and depth of characterization in a little room is remarkable, the construction of each story is meticulous, the precise prose always right for each narrative and very often beautiful.

*Foreign Affairs* presents two rather exasperating American academics from the same faculty visiting London to pursue different lines of research. Vinnie Miner, 54, is already a paid-up Anglophile; Fred Turner, 29, becomes one after succumbing gradually to the charms of the city and more precipitately to those of a titled actress, Lady Rosemary Radley. Vinnie is smarting from a recent savage review, all too aware of her talent for self-pity; Fred is trying to recover from a broken marriage to an earthy, vibrant extrovert. Although she is small, plain and selfish, Vinnie has a lively time in bed: she is promiscuous and prepared to be a good pal, no more, after the event. In a vivid fantasy life she enjoys meeting a better class of person – English and American literati.

On this trip she stumbles unintentionally into an affair with a rich Oklahoma sanitary engineer who has recently been fired. For all his brashness, the little professor discerns something pathetic in him: pity turns into love. Fred, meanwhile, is obsessed by the extraordinary, wayward Rosemary. The two skeins of plot are ingeniously interlaced with some well-calculated surprises.

The author has, however, an irritating way with tenses. She uses an imperfect present mixed up with orthodox narrative past tenses to distinguish continuing attitudes or states of mind from some finite emotion or event. All very well: but the appearance of the straightforward historic present becomes annoying. While the American characters are convincing enough, the English people seem to this reviewer stereotyped or caricatured. The view of London is touristic: banal bus and train routes, commonplace locations are described in detail, as though to demonstrate how much at home the author is. No landmark escapes indulgent descriptive comment. Perhaps this is a fault shared by many xenophile writers exploring foreign settings. The novel is accomplished but some readers may also find it occasionally tiresome.

An authentic whiff of London comes from *Family Myths and Legends*, a lively, highly entertaining first novel. A domineering East-End termagant has become a difficult, foul-mouthed, bed-ridden ancient. When she is admitted to the hospital where her opportunist grandson is a junior doctor, he is desperate that they should not be identified, lest the pitons of his social ascent be dislodged. He enlists enthusiastically in a scheme to redecorate the patient's house in her absence. Three of the decorators discover a hidden cupboard, papered over. Its contents are shocking and will provoke scandal. They conspire in secrecy.

To reveal more would be unfair. The family and associated characters are well presented. Tensions between three sisters, parents and children, husband and wife, and lovers are convincing. There is much wry humour and discriminate use of flashbacks, although sometimes the prose is over elaborate when describing the thoughts of relatively unsophisticated people. Moral issues are implied without thumping judgements and there is a running attack on the second-hand imagery of television, cinema and family anecdote which can distort individual lives.

# Cops and corpses on the campus

CRIME

**Marcel Berlins**

**DEATH AT CHARITY'S POINT**
**By William G. Tapply**
*Collins, £7.50*

**MONKEY PUZZLE**
**By Paula Gosling**
*Macmillan, £7.95*

**The Groves of Academe have a long and honourable history of playing fictional host to the homicidal urge. The campus, or school, as microcosm presents the story-teller with almost too abundant an array of motives for murder. After all, jealousy (sexual and scholastic), ambition, greed, paranoia, secrecy, and pride are the every-day stock of academic life in reality. The writer hardly needs to exaggerate. It is possible, too, to populate the drama with as outrageous a selection of eccentrics as can be found outside the walls of Colney Hatch. A common-room full of dotty academics is accepted, indeed expected, by the reader. A waiting-room full of loony dentists would not be.**

**Above all, setting the slaughter in a seat of learning allows the author to dredge up and proudly exhibit his or her own tiny areas of academic expertise, often to the reader's considerable irritation. More than one otherwise promising crime tale has turned to tedium by a superfluity of literary jest, classical allusion, or historical aside. By coincidence, this month's batch of whodunits contains three and a half examples of scholarly slaying, all of them superior of their kind.**

***Death at Charity's Point* is an impressive outing for Attorney Brady Coyne, specialist in the legal needs of the very rich. Reluctantly persuaded to look into the apparent suicide of a client's son, teacher at an obsure college, the likeable Coyne awakens ghosts of the Vietnam war and the forgotten revolutionary movements of the sixties and seventies. Tapply writes quietly and perceptively, and his cynical, sensitive hero is obviously designed to last.**

**The corpse on *Monkey Puzzle's* campus was a much-hated homosexual English lecturer, and only the investigating cop is less than gleeful at his passing. Some splendidly edgy inter-faculty relationships and a feast of motives, culminating in spirited academic and physical skulduggery. Grips and amuses to the last sentence, and, in Detective Lt Jack Stryker, a policeman of depth and humanity.**

● The unusual academic grove in **Double Negative, by David Carkeet** *(Quartet, £7.95)* is a linguistic research centre where the usual ill-assorted bunch probe the patterns of speech acquisition in babies. The deaths are bizarre, as is the town's chief of police; the exposition is fast-moving and funny; and the solution is both original and highly appropriate to the subject under study.

● **Peter Levi's Grave Witness** *(Quartet, £7.95)* is not quite set in academia though its hero is an Oxford archeology don, the mystery revolves around ancient Greek pottery (true or false?), and dialogue and descriptions bristle with erudition worthy of a Hellenist Oxford Professor of Poetry. Levi's lightness of touch and subtlety of wit come as no surprise. His command of plot, pace, and action – and there is much of it – are perhaps more unexpected. A civilized and hugely enjoyable read.

● **Patterns in the Dust, by Lesley Grant-Adamson** *(Faber, £8.95)*. Punks, answerphones, and a very 1980s gossip-columnist heroine mingle entertainingly and without strain with traditional 1930s dollops of crusty generals, bridge evenings, and mysterious goings-on at the Big House. Excellent mood of lurking evil beneath the placidity of English village life.

● **LaBrava, by Elmore Leonard** *(Viking, £8.95)* **Confirmation that the near-raves for *Stick*, Leonard's first, were not misplaced. LaBrava, an ex-secret service agent descended to tired Miami Beach photographer, caught up in seedy local crime. Stunning dialogue and wonderfully sad descriptions of people and places that have seen better times.**

# Law of Mullahs and Persians

**Edward Mortimer**

**THE REIGN OF THE AYATOLLAHS**
**By Shaul Bakhash**

**IRAN UNDER THE AYATOLLAHS**
**By Dilip Hiro**
*Routledge & Kegan Paul, £20*

**A CLARIFICATION OF QUESTIONS**
**By Ayatollah Sayyed Ruhollah Mousavi Khomeini**
*Westview/Bowker, £30*

Just in time for tomorrow's sixth anniversary of Ayatollah Khomeini's return to Iran, here at last are two serious and informative books, not about the revolution that brought him to power, but about the regime he has brought into being.

The authors' standpoints are very different. Dilip Hiro, an Indian journalist of leftish views, approaches Iran as a sympathetic outsider: sympathetic, that is, to the regime that has emerged from it. Shaul Bakhash is an Iranian Jewish scholar, now in exile at Princeton. His book is dedicated, eloquently enough, "to my Iranian friends, who loved the revolution, not knowing it would not love them back".

Yet the two accounts could be said to complement more than they contradict each other. Hiro, besides monitoring with exemplary thoroughness the various sources available in English, was able to gather first-hand evidence and impressions during a visit to the country in April-May 1983 – long after it had ceased to be accessible to Bakhash. But Bakhash of course brings to his task a much broader knowledge of Iranian history, culture, and above all language – enabling him to use Persian newspapers and memoirs, notably those of Mehdi Bazargan, the head of the 1979 provisional government.

Bakhash's book is shorter, and on the whole the easier read. It analyses very clearly the stages by which the clerical leaders consolidated their power, eliminating successive groups of leftist and moderate opponents, and also the arguments about economic policy and land-ownership within the victorious party. Hiro's work is more encyclopaedic, opening with a long historical introduction and concluding with an extended, if useful, survey of the Islamic republic's foreign relations. He has a tendency to choke the reader with detail.

Where the two differ sharply is in their conclusions. Hiro is very confident that the regime still enjoys the support of the working and lower-middle classes; he sticks his neck out a long way by declaring that "whatever else might happen after Khomeini's death, Iran will not revert to monarchy, whether constitutional or absolute. And it will not acquire a political system which excludes the clergy." Bakhash, by contrast, stresses that, "if the internal opposition has been silenced, the potentially disruptive forces within the new state structure have not been neutralized; they contain the seeds of future conflict and turbulence."

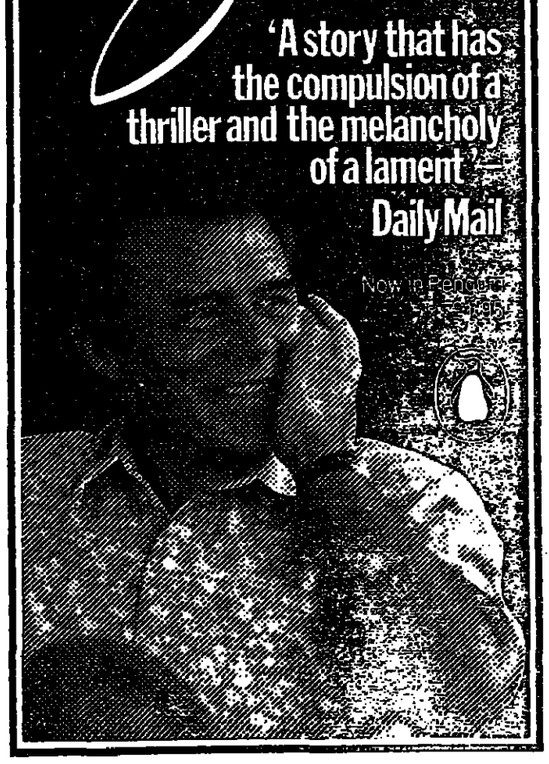
The reader who finishes both books should be well placed to make up his own mind. Personally I find Hiro a useful corrective to the wishful thinking of the exile sources with which the Western analyst is usually bombarded, but a little too prone to believe some of the regime's own wishful thinking, particularly when it comes to economic and electoral statistics. Bakhash, while himself an exile who cannot be accused of wishing the regime well, is also a model scholar; hard-headed and cautious.

For more specialized or curious students of Khomeini's Iran, Westview Press have produced a complete translation of his *Resaleh Towzih al-Masael* the standard compendium of answers to legal and ritual conundra expected of a senior Shiite *mujtahid*. It is salutary to be reminded that the man now in power in Iran seriously believes that apostasy is a capital offence, and that the children of apostates (e.g. Bahais) should be killed if they refuse to recant.

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## Sea of troubles

The Government's "highly private and confidential" memorandum on the sale of Aberdeen's Hall Russell shipyard reveals a Laker/British Airways style stumbling block in a massive potential liability over an oil spillage in 1978. The memorandum states that current litigation could leave the company with a potential liability of £4.7m – six times its profits for last year. And it reveals that Hall Russell, owned by the nationalized British Shipbuilders, had no products liability insurance cover at the time of the disastrous Sullom Voe oil spillage for which it – and others – is being sued in the High Court by Esso and Shell. Hall Russell built the tug which broke down when guiding Esso's tanker, the Bernicia, into BP's terminal. The memorandum also discloses Hall Russell has loans of £2.3m outstanding. It would take a brave man to bid for the Hall Russell with this kind of potential liability without getting a full indemnity from BS.

## Current excuse

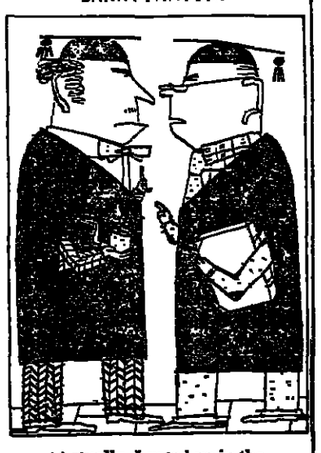
East Sussex County Council has launched an investigation into the state of its streetlighting after a dog was electrocuted when cocking its leg against an old metal lamppost in Brighton. The entire street was unlit until the short circuit had been repaired. A council official yesterday commented: "There is no danger to humans. Animals have a much lower resistance to electric shocks than we do."

● **It is not called the Milk Cup for nothing. Programmes for this week's Chelsea-Sheffield Wednesday clash included an advertisement for scrapping milk quotas, placed by Chelsea chairman Ken Bates, who happens to own a dairy farm in Buckinghamshire. What the lads on the terraces made of it is anyone's guess.**

## Whitty response

Larry Whitty was lucky indeed to get the votes of Tony Benn and his ilk in yesterday's ballot for Labour's General Secretary. Minutes passed to me of a December 1980 meeting of the powerful Trades Unions for Labour Victory group record an agreement between the big right-wing unions to tell the Shadow Cabinet that "the party should avoid a contested election this time round and that the current leadership should be maintained in office." Whitty was the TULV secretary, and this was apparently a deliberate attempt to stop Benn running against Healey for the deputy leadership. It failed, and the ensuing campaign was astonishingly bitter. True, Whitty was Benn's personal secretary in 1966 at the Ministry of Technology. But in those days Benn was almost establishment.

BARRY FANTONI



**'Actually, I voted no in the *affirmative sense of the word*'**

## Surfacing

As Clive Ponting's trial enters its fourth day, a Commons question has been tabled asking whether Lord Lewin should also be charged under the Official Secrets Act. Last year the ex-Chief of Defence Staff gave Arthur Gavshon and Desmond Rice, authors of *The Sinking of the Belgrano*, an on-the-record interview. In this, says Gavshon, he described "in graphic detail" how the Conqueror would have shadowed the Belgrano. On Monday *The Guardian* published this account, deleting only, on Gavshon's initiative, details of timing and speed. The MoD confirmed yesterday that "anything that gives ideas of the operational patterns of submarines would be classified". Labour MP George Foulkes has asked Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine for a statement on the Navy's use of towed arrays: anticipating the answer, he has asked the Attorney General if he will prosecute Lord Lewin for describing that system so fully. Lord Lewin was not available for comment yesterday.

## Won more time

The Soviets must be going soft. Neil Kinnock's office has rung to say the Russians have now honoured three of the five human rights promises they gave on his Moscow visit. As I reported, Russian emigrè Oleg Pianov's mother and grandmother have been given exit visas. A second anonymous family has also been reunited. And Intourist guide Kirstie Uibo, who met and married English vicar Stephen Knowers in the USSR, has now arrived – from Russia with love – at his Barnet parish in London.

**PHS**

# Bite the bullet, help the hungry

## by Andrew Lycett

Let us agree that the background to the Ethiopian famine is political and that participants, whether the Ethiopian government and its supporters on the one hand, or the rebels and their supporters on the other, have political axes to grind.

That way we will be spared some of the confusion caused by the propaganda which now emanates from relief camps in Sudan and Ethiopia and threatens to obscure, even to prevent, any reasonable solution to the problems.

The most heinous offender is not actually the Ethiopian government but the British charity War on Want. Its general secretary George Galloway has lost no opportunity to accuse the Ethiopians of using famine as a political weapon against their enemies. Yet War on Want is guilty of exactly the same offence. It regularly uses the grave situation in northern Ethiopia to denigrate the government and to promote the political aspirations of the Eritreans and Tigréans and their main political arms, the Marxist Eritrean and Tigréan Peoples Liberation Fronts (EPLF and TPLF). Such wholesale involvement in the political arena cannot be right (either morally or according to British charity law) for a London-based aid agency.

*George Galloway, who is also* vice-chairman of the Labour Middle East Council, gave a lucid exposition of his thesis before the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee last month. He told attentive members how western aid has given the Dergue, as the Ethiopian military leadership is known, an opportunity not only to divert military resources towards crushing rebellion in Eritrea and Tigré but also to reward its own army in kind.

Mr Galloway suggested the British Government has a "moral responsibility" to "bite the bullet" in these circumstances. He said it should immediately send aid to Eritrea and Tigré, working through War on Want and its local affiliates, the Eritrean Relief Association (ERA) and the Relief Association of Tigré (REST). Mr Galloway neglected to point out, however, that ERA and REST *are the relief arms of the* liberation fronts.

War on Want knows this very well. Indeed, as he says in an article in the January 1985 issue of the *Economist Development Report*, "In a country which has been waging *war against Addis Ababa for the past* 23 years, this should come as no surprise. Eritrea is chronically short of all forms of aid, from basic foodstuffs to medical supplies. It would be unrealistic to suppose that ERA never assisted the military *effort.*" *But since we hear nothing* from Mr Galloway about the EPLF's misuse of relief aid, he apparently condones it.

However, War on Want can hardly claim to be impartial. It is an avowedly political organization and around 40 per cent of its £4m budget goes to support programmes for Eritreans and Tigréans. The charity was set up in 1952 by Harold Wilson. It prides itself on its democratic decentralized structure, drawing funding and support from 10,000 members through Britain. Its brief is to provide assistance to areas which slip through the normal *bureaucratic aid net. Eritrea and* Tigré certainly score on this count.

The Eritrean liberation front seemed to epitomise everything War on Want stands for. Its libertarian Marxism, with apparently democratic self-help programmes in *agriculture, literacy and health was* in sharp distinction to the coercive Stalinist-type terror perpetrated by the Dergue.

War on Want's radical chic implicitly criticises other British aid agencies, such as Oxfam and Save *the Children Fund which continued* to work out of Addis Ababa throughout the ravages of the Ethopian revolution.

Their patience means they can now help Ethopia cope with starvation and plan for future *development over much of the* country, and are also on hand to advise on Ethopia's determined move to resettle Eritreans and Tigréans in more fertile areas in the south of the country. Although the *operation may appear coercive, soil* and agricultural experts are coming round to the view that resettlement may be the only way of coping with famine in the long term. As far as War on Want is concerned the manoeuvre is simply political.

The British government should now make immediate moves to resolve the situation. Britain, which administered Eritrea until as recently as 1952 has bided its time and now finds itself in a position to expedite negotiations, particularly between the ruling Ethopian Dergue and the Eritreans. Since access to starving areas of Eritrea is much easier from the Ethopian-held port of Assab than over the tortuous overland route from neighbouring Sudan, the EPLF should allow safe *passage to Ethopian relief trucks in* their territory.

It is an open secret the EPLF leaders have held secret negotiations with Dergue representatives, but for internal political reasons have not been able to sell a compromise, *short of complete independence*, to their own supporters. Now is the time for them to "bite the bullet" and accede to proper negotiations. Addis Ababa, for its part, must commit itself to a viable federal structure for Eritrea – and perhaps *other provinces.*

Britain should use its new-found closer relationship with the Soviet Union to underwrite such a truce.

## Clifford Longley on the Vatican's battle with Catholic dissidents




# A defeat in the jaws of victory?

A shiver of apprehension ran through the Roman Catholic Church last weekend after Pope John Paul II announced that he was calling a special meeting of bishops later this year to review the 20 years since the close of the Second Vatican Council. Such is his conservative reputation that many took it for granted that he had only one purpose in mind: to turn back the clock and halt or reverse the reforms which the council introduced.

Nothing supports this thesis more than the Vatican's recent treatment of progressive-minded thinkers such as Leonardo Boff and Edward Schillebeeckx. Schillebeeckx has just been publicly reprimanded by the Vatican for the views he put forward in a recent book on the priesthood. He has been investigated twice before and each time narrowly missed being censured – because he has powerful friends in the hierarchy it is said.

Last year Boff was summoned to Rome to answer for his writings on liberation theology, and the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is still deciding its verdict. He and Schillebeeckx are symbols of the post-Vatican II church and the atmosphere of liberty it engendered. Their recent treatment may mark the start of a period of upheaval, as Rome tries to cut back this liberty and the theologians try to defend it.

Some commentators even believe the Sacred Congregation now has a shopping-list of names, headed by Boff and Schillebeeckx, who are to be picked off one by one. If such a policy exists its originator is likely to be the congregation's prefect, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, once an academic theologian of liberal tendencies and now manifestly a poacher turned gamekeeper.

Cardinal Ratzinger's handling of the latest Schillebeeckx case has drawn a weighty protest from the Dutch priest's colleagues at Nijmegen University, led by Father Bas van Iersel, who greeted the publication of the Vatican's verdict in *L'Osservatore Romano* with an open letter of his own, sent to *The Times* and other newspapers abroad. He accuses Cardinal Ratzinger of changing the rules halfway through the game, so to speak; and declares: "I am forced to resort to the weapon of public protest ... intellectual integrity, theological concern, loyalty to what the church was founded to achieve, make it impossible to keep silent."

The substance of the dispute is at first sight rather esoteric. What appears to lie behind it, in Father van Iersel's view, is the fundamental issue of the church's authority. What bothered the Vatican about Father Schillebeeckx's views on the priesthood were the implications they hold for "the existing structures of the church with its centralistic and hierarchical concentrations of power and authority". And it is worth recalling that some such concern seemed to lie behind the Vatican's reaction to the rather different matter of liberation theology.

The Vatican sees the need, evidently, to resist all theological tendencies that could call in question, in one way or another, the traditional idea of the church as a pyramid with the Pope at the top, the laity at the base. And it is just this model that theologians love to question, believing that the future points to other models, less centralized, more democratic, and more participatory.

The current argument at its narrowest is about whether extraordinary circumstances could ever justify a lay person celebrating the Mass. Father Schillebeeckx wrote a series of articles, later published as a book (*Ministry*, SCM Press, £4.95, published 1981), which suggested that the priesthood as it has come down was the invention of the early and medieval church. Although Christianity requires priesthood in some form, its shape is inherently flexible and can be adapted as conditions change. In a country short of the official professional version of priesthood, therefore, lay people could theoretically stand in as "ad hoc" priests, as they can stand in to perform baptisms when no priest is available.

This is where Professor van Iersel's charge about the rules of the game come in. A Catholic theologian is supposed to work within a system of ideas, the boundaries of which are fixed by binding definitions. In the thirteenth century the Fourth Lateran Council, in a definition which appeared to put Father Schillebeeckx's suggestion beyond the pale, said that only an ordained priest could preside at the Mass. But van Iersel argued that the decision was aimed at medieval heretics who disputed the need for ordination in every case. It did not touch upon what could happen in extraordinary circumstances.

There was therefore no formal binding definition on this point, and Father Schillebeeckx should have been entitled to take any position he liked. Cardinal Ratzinger quickly stepped in, issuing a "binding definition" of his own, a document called *Sacerdotium Ministeriale*, which had the Pope's approval. He was then able to point out to Father Schillebeeckx that his book contra*dicted this statement, and called* upon him to withdraw his opinions publicly. This Professor Iersels calls "an artifice, turning right into wrong". In short, it was a case of retrospective legislation.

Professor van Iersels and his colleagues have a more fundamental objection however. They challenge the very right of Cardinal Ratzinger, as head of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to issue the "last word" on any hitherto *open question, even if the Pope* attaches his signature. "Let there be no doubt about it", says van Iersels, "it is generally held that the congregation has no authority to speak the last word, any more than the Pope has the authority to do so in this way."

This is not tendentious gloss on Cardinal Ratzinger's actions. His last letter to Father Schillebeeckx, published last week as the final judgment on the affair, actually states: "The moment has come to notify you officially that as regards the minister extraordinary of the Eucharist [a term for lay people celebrating the Mass] the "last word" has been said and the pastoral *magisterium of the church has* declared itself."

But then the story takes an unexpected twist. Father Schillebeeckx has been rethinking his views on the subject and appears to have shifted from them under his own mental steam. His book *Ministry* did provoke criticism from other professional theologians, and some of his treatment of historical issues was said to be questionable by people whose views he trusted. He has now made a complete revision of his work, and has informed Cardinal Ratzinger that "there is no more talk of minister extraordinary ... and nothing to be found which contradicts the declaration *Sacerdotium Ministeriale*". That is *presumably just the result the* Vatican wanted.

An honest theologian could have been left alone to debate his ideas with his peers, and develop them in the light of their comments. Instead the Vatican's congregation has *snatched a moral defeat from the* jaws of victory by its heavy-handedness, by claiming more authority than it appears to be entitled to, and by condemning a book on the basis of an official document that did not exist when the book was written. As Professor van Iersels and his colleagues remark in their open letter: "We seem to have been here before."

# Reagan's man, but no yes-man

**Washington**

Richard Nixon's "favorite mayor" faces the most important career decision of his life in his new job as chairman of the US Senate foreign relations committee. Senator Richard Lugar's choices are clear: will he become a "cheerleader" in support of Ronald Reagan's foreign policy goals or will he attempt to forge the national bipartisan consensus which has eluded a divided America since Vietnam?

The Indiana Republican brings to the job, one he neither sought nor expected to get, a reputation as Ronald Reagan's "main man". He is a Republican "team player", a politician sure of his conservative roots and until recently, one without a foreign policy agenda of his own.

But this week, a different Richard Lugar may begin to emerge when he launches the most ambitious set of public hearings since the committee's days of glory under J. William Fulbright from the late 1950s until 1974.

Senator Lugar regards the hearings as a unique opportunity to examine America's foreign policy goals. He believes America has reached an important crossroads in its relationship with the Soviet Union, the use of covert activity in Latin America, and in the Middle East. During the month-long hearings he hopes to identify areas where there is "broad, bipartisan support" and in the process reestablish the committee as "the place where the future of American foreign policy will be created".

The hearings, to begin this week with testimony by George Shultz, the secretary of state, and Caspar Weinberger, the defence secretary, are meant to be a learning process for Lugar, his committee, and the American people. Only after this crash course in foreign relations will the decision-taking begin. But the senator begins with certain preconceived notions.

In the area of US-Soviet relations, he is a strong supporter of Ronald Reagan's policies. He believes without reservation in the Strategic Defence Initiative, the so-called Star Wars space weapons system, as a necessary component of future US military strength. He dismisses criticism by the Soviet Union and some European allies that it is an expensive, unwarranted escalation of the arms race and does not believe that pursuing the research endangers the Geneva arms talks next month.

Lugar's general support of administration policies does not mean, however, that he will follow the White House line with blind devotion.

He has already taken the initiative, to the surprise of many observers, in prodding the Administration to redefine its Central American policies, primarily in Nicaragua. In his first important address as foreign relations chairman, he said *the US position in Nicaragua is* "unsustainable" and that covert aid is not a viable proposition".

Lugar's tone is conciliatory but insistent. This Congress, he said, will reject the Administration's new request for covert funds just as last October Congress voted to suspend US aid to anti-Sandinista rebels. Administration officials quickly indicated that they are now open to negotiation on initiatives from Congress. Lugar now says that despite some concern about Nica*ragua's* "*surrogate Soviet relation*ship" he expects a diplomatic solution to be negotiated within two years.

Lugar is taking an independent stance in other areas. He wants the Administration to press for an end to apartheid in South Africa, which is generating a new wave of demonstrations in America. He is also considering whether to support economic sanctions. He recently met opposition political leaders from the Philippines to determine for himself what US policy should be.

Lugar wants America to undertake a form of national soul-searching to arrive at a set of shared goals which were lost in the ashes of Vietnam. He is convinced the US has neither fully recovered from the *humiliation of the war nor adjusted* to its post-Vietnam role.

Lugar plans to reach this consensus by communing with the heartland of America like Jimmy Carter and unlike Percy, his immediate predecessor. He believes Reagan's stunning re-election is the basis of a new grassroots mandate.

His success ultimately will depend on his ability to set a realistic agenda and wield authority over a polarized committee representing an increasingly partisan Congress.

Lugar must walk a difficult tightrope to achieve success. He must appear neither as a rubber stamp for the White House nor as a uncommitted philosopher, incapable of bringing majority opinion to bear on the key issues.

Percy was never able to exert this leadership. Lugar is still untested.

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## Ronald Butt

# Why this censure makes no sense

Mrs Thatcher and her government have, according to the prevailing political wind, done nothing right. Today in the House of Commons those who hate everything they choose to believe she represents imagine they have her against the ropes. This, they hope, is the watershed at which the stream of political and social attitudes associated with "Thatcherism" falls away, to be lost in the mist of history's failed causes.

This year was to have been the year in which the policies of economic restraint pursued since 1979 led naturally to a steady expansion *without serious inflation.* A projected growth rate of 3 per cent this year was to have been the platform from which comparatively low interest rates and tax remissions to the lowest paid would lead to a sustainable expansion. But instead *the pound has fallen so heavily and* persistently that the Government has been driven both to try to bolster it by spending currency reserves and to acquiesce in a 14 per cent interest rate which puts expansion and the intended tax cuts at risk.

Moreover, despite the interest rate increases, the pound remains fragile and American currency dealers appear nightly on television to opine that it will get worse. They point to the adverse effect of the fall in oil prices on the UK revenue, observe gloomily that we should be doing better in manufacturing exports and point out that the coal strike continues at great cost in public money.

They do not usually have much to say about the effect of the high-priced dollar and of American interest rates in drawing funds out of sterling and so weakening it. Public spending may be too high and interest rates too low in Britain as *they see it, but the effect of the huge* US deficit, paid for by capital drawn in from other countries to the detriment of other currencies, figures little in their argument.

Much more bizarre, however, is the palpable pleasure Mrs Thatcher's critics here have from their contemplation of the Reaganomics of deficit-financing. Indeed, they see it as the vindication of their own neo-Keynesian plans for expansion by public spending and borrowing.

Thus the Earl of Stockton sends a televised message from the House of Lords in praise of President Reagan's borrowing to sustain the American boom, and exhorts Mrs Thatcher to do likewise. Was it not *what Lord Stockton's own grand*father did? You borrow to produce; you don't produce and then borrow, ran Lord Stockton's homely wisdom. And when it is presented in so urbane a manner by a figure so venerable who dares point to its logical flaw?

Yet there is a basic distinction between Lord Stockton's publisher grandfather borrowing money (saved by other people) at the commercial rate appropriate to the risk, and the "borrowing" by governments which (unless it is commercially funded) means devaluing money by printing more, or in the ancient phrase, clipping the coinage.

Lord Stockton, Mr Kinnock and all the other admirers of Reaganomics might also remember that there is one sense in which President Reagan's borrowing resembles that of Lord Stockton's grandfather, though it hardly supports their argument for Britain. For the Americans pitch the rate of interest at a commercially high enough level to attract funds to the dollar, and they can do so because of their economy's sheer size and efficiency, *and because the dollar is a massively* important international currency.

But how can Mr Kinnock, Mr Hattersley, and Lord Stockton really claim that this government could have imitated the public spending, borrowing and deficit financing in *which the Reagan government can* indulge? Fury has now been unleashed because UK interest rates have risen to 14 per cent. But what do the critics suppose that the British level of interest would have had to be if UK borrowing and spending were at the level they want, given our relatively poor productivity and unit labour costs?

The dons of Oxford turn in contemptible anger against Mrs Thatcher because education does not have all the money they think it should. Unchanged or slightly higher spending on education in real terms is misrepresented as "cutting": they think it is not enough because what they want increasingly costs more. But the social services are in the same boat – as is much else, including defence. What are the priorities?

Meanwhile, vast sums of public money have to be spent resisting Mr Scargill's attempt to get unlimited funds to sustain uneconomic coal production, which is something America would never contemplate. This is the symbol of everything that is wrong here and why the pound is vulnerable.

Mr Kinnock and his friends will say that the Government should have borrowed for an expansion that would then have paid for that borrowing. There is no scrap of supporting evidence from the past governments who have attempted this. Invariably the policy has been destroyed by poor productivity and over-manning. There is a legitimate charge against the Government that it did not set systematically about planning priorities for public spending. There is a charge against the Chancellor of ineptness in understanding the markets and of failing to make clear his policies on the pound and interest rates.

But those who, in today's censure debate, will attack the Goverment for high interest rates – which would be far higher with increased public spending – offer no credible alternative. The government's policy will have to evolve to deal with the check to expansion which now threatens. Yet it is still essentially true that there is no real alternative in a free society to the broad policies this Goverment has pursued.

## A. N. Author

# The tussles of tassle theatre

Just when I was beginning to believe that the loneliness of long-distance failure was one of A.N. Author's most besetting trials, what should I receive but a letter from a dear old friend-and-rival, P. L. Aywright. He had read a recent whinge of mine about a royalty cheque for £3.49 and, true to form, decided that this should not be allowed to go untrumped.

Now, although I am aware that he got in touch with me in the spirit of inverted competitiveness, I also like to think that there was just the hint of solidarity with one on the bass rung of the literary ladder. He has just had a play on in an unknown "*theatre*" (I put the word in quotation marks since most people still think of it as a pub) in a scarcely better known quarter of north London. The whole operation was sited at the farthest extremities of the fringe movement – what might *be called tassle theatre.*

The play was called *The Apex*, and concerned a triangular relationship, rather in the manner of Sartre's *Huis Clos*. Aywright himself was directing and starring. Someone should have warned him that the venture would surely be lost in the defunct *ceilidh* room of an Irish pub. Oh, I know it is one of those places where the social mobility of the neighbourhood makes for a tradition of sheer noise far too engrained to be wiped out by demographic niceties, and that as the republican ballard wanes, so the rugby song waxes. On a straightforward decibel count at chucking-out time, there is little to choose between them.

Anyway, poor old Aywright had little choice, having been turned down by every management in the book, and a few besides. As is generally the way with tassle theatre, the budget was restricted to the roundest figure known to man – nothing. Here was the true dramatic counterpart to vanity publishing.

On the first night (or "preview" as it was subsequently called), there was a welcome addition to the audience of two in the form of an Alsatian know locally as The Wrecker. He was one of those dogs who, when extended vertically against the bar (his favourite posture) doubles very handsomely as a rather hirsuit drinker. He lolls his paws on the counter, dunks his long pink tongue in a pint mug and whimpers along with the juke box, the better to complete the imitation. After a few jars he is playing confidant to tales of heartless bosses and marital infidelity.

The night I went, the dog was all but offering me a drink – clawing at his right hip in the hope of finding a pound note secreted in the fur.

With the benefit of hindsight, I think I can identify two main problems in Aywright's production. First, the bell ushering the "audience" through into the "theatre" was the same one used to announce last orders, so that at the *very moment of curtain-up the* drinkers started (and continued) the ritual din that accompanies imminent ejection. Against such a racket, the principal's tender opening line, "The silence in this house is absolute", stood little chance.

Second, the "dressing room" upstairs was in fact the pub kitchen, where the landlord's very old mother sat at the table, arthritically peeling potatoes. Beside her were her two grandsons, canny little creatures with faces dirty from confectionary and black crescents gouged beneath their eyes by a lifetime's contempt for bed-time. The old woman appeared to have no objection to the actors coming in and undressing – I think she positively enjoyed their discomfiture; her only condition was that they should, in return, recite their lines from the play.

It was, in every sense of the word, a critical crowd, comprising the crucial *Time Limits* reviewer and *his girlfriend, a feminist* of the castrationist school, who clearly took a total-theatre approach to the evening and could not dissociate the bar-room braying from the import of the play.

On every evening such as this, Aywright's chief problem was not in fact the audience but his own more numerous cast, who wanted to cancel the performance and join The Wrecker at the bar. Night after night he would reel off his pitiful pep-talk about service and commitment and *how country buses still ran when* there was only one passenger. He even offered free seats to the old woman and two boys in the kitchen, in a bid to swell the house by 100 per cent, but they were quite happy to stick with the private recitals.

On the night I went, The Wrecker stole the show – literally. Some wag in the bar rang the bell mid-way through the second act and the dog, with the zeal of the third pint fresh in his belly, padded onto the stage and barked the cast into terrified retreat. I think it was at this moment I realized that, for all my moans, the stage is yet more heartless than the page.

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# CHEAP ENERGY IS BEST

The pound breathed again yesterday, and interest rates eased, on news that Opec had just managed to hold itself together and agree on a mere $1 cut in the effective price of a barrel of oil. This identification of sterling as a petrocurrency should not be allowed to obscure a fundamental, and encouraging, truth.

Britain is not an oil economy. The vast majority of British citizens earn their living in industries that would be made unequivocally better off by lower energy costs. A real fall in the world price of oil, not just a modest adjustment in its inflated dollar price, would cut costs in all economies not dependent on oil for their living, thus stimulating both home demand and the market for British exports. Just as the two increases in the oil price in the 1970s helped precipitate attacks of the international disease of stagflation, so lower oil prices would simultaneously help to reduce world inflation and unemployment.

For Britain the results would be more mixed. But the sum of their parts is still, clearly, positive. The fear that lower oil prices would actually be a disadvantage to Britain is a compound of plain misunderstandings and more sensible worries about the costs of change in markets which so easily, and destructively, overshoot.

The misunderstandings start with the belief that lower oil prices automatically make the Government worse off. Not so. Since oil is priced in dollars, a fall in sterling precipitated by oil refills the Treasury's coffers; very roughly, it takes 5 cents off sterling to recoup the revenue lost from each $1 off the price of a barrel of North Sea oil. But also – and more importantly – oil is not the Government's only source of revenue; it would be gaining from the faster growth stimulated in the non-oil economy, which, after all, accounts for 95 per cent of the total.

Admittedly, the oil industry is more tax-lucrative than most; but it is also less labour-intensive. Most models of the British economy therefore show lower oil prices leading clearly to higher output and significantly lower unemployment. Whether inflation or public borrowing would actually go up or down in the short-run depends on the exchange rate – but since bad news on one would tend to be counterbalanced by good news on the other, the long-term consequences are favourable.

These effects have recently been obscured by Government overspending, so that a falling exchange rate coincided with higher public borrowing – thus doubling rather than counterbalancing inflationary risks and creating the climate of financial looseness the Chancellor was yesterday trying to blame solely on the currency markets. It also alerted suspicions that the Government was actively employing a weak pound to fill the hole in public finances, exposing us to the kind of market tempest to which Britain will inevitably be at risk as oil prices fall.

For there is a sense in which the markets, which are interested in differences, are right to see Britain as an oil economy. We stand to gain less from falling oil prices than economies heavily dependent on oil imports, such as Japan or Germany. That does not turn a positive benefit into a negative loss; but it has exposed us to the attentions of the foreign exchange markets.

Thus even if a lower pound is part of a pattern of favourable adjustment to lower world energy prices, the process of getting there can impose painful costs. The overshooting we have seen recently in the currency markets is only an echo of the overshooting that could take place in the oil markets, if the Opec cartel were to disintegrate, though we should all earnestly hope for the day when this, one of the greatest and most malign of cartels, gets its final come-uppance.

Top of the list of victims of the Opec cartel are those members who have over-imported on the back of rising revenues – and now suffer from nightmares about how far the oil price could fall before markets cleared and the price rebounded. But there would be other victims, too. The costs of such savage oscillations would be felt by Britain through the currency markets. The end result of a free oil market need not, as we have seen, be bad for Britain; but the risks of a bumpy ride place a premium on effective financial management, the only worthwhile market tranquillizer.

# RED TAPE DOWN ON THE FARM

Farming has fallen far in popular repute. Not so long ago it was held up as a model sector of the postwar British economy: a science-based industry whose innovative drive was translated into higher production, import substitution, structural reform, and a rate of productivity increase unequalled elsewhere in industry. Although doctrinally confusing – since entrepreneurship, efficiency and profit orientation flourished in an environment of market regulation and subsidy such as to kill them off in the pages of a textbook – British agriculture was generally regarded a success. Now its achievements lie almost forgotten behind the appearances of misdirected effort in the production of unsaleable surpluses, a gross burden on taxpayers and consumers, and degradation of the rural landscape with encroachment by cultivation on fast-disappearing wildlife habitats.

Against the last of these tendencies there was erected the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981, whose operation has just been examined by the environment committee of the House of Commons. The Act did not take the obvious route of planning control, which is the generally approved method of handling the impact of commercial development on the environment. Many think it should have, and do not believe that legislation short of that will ever be effective.

The Commons committee disagrees, endorsing the "voluntary approach" enshrined in the Act. It has the *a priori* argument that better results will be obtained for conservation if the farming community is led to espouse the cause "rather than their being placed in a position of looking for ways of circumventing resented restrictions and bureaucratic red tape". And it records the observation that since the Act was passed there has been a marked change for the better in the attitude of many farmers and virtually all their spokesmen, and a new desire to reconcile the pressures of agriculture with the principles of conservation.

At this stage that is comfortably the better approach. Farmers work the land. It is more useful to have their collaboration in other coextensive land-use objectives than to set about dragooning them. But the voluntary approach is perilously dependent on the conversion of farmers in their outlook and practices, while the only bait offered in this approach is necessarily limited in scope.

This is the "management agreement" whereby a farmer receives compensation from public funds for grant and profit forgone in abstaining from development on his land which is judged to be environmentally damaging. The illogicality of one government department (environment) compensating someone for resisting the inducements offered by another government department (agriculture) is so obvious that it cannot be the basis of a general policy.

Management agreements are pointed by the Act at certain designated sites or areas (sites of special scientific interest, national parks and some other stretches of high landscape value), and the anomaly is justified on the ground of equity between farmer A whose land and its profitable exploitation are caught by the Act and farmer B whose land is not. The argument, and therefore the compensation, cannot be extended to all farmers since as a class they have no claim that others do not have to compensation against development control. Besides generalizing these compensation provisions would be prohibitively expensive.

The limitations of the voluntary approach have led the Commons committee and a House of Lords committee before it to look rather to reform of the financial structure of agriculture for the salvation of the countryside. The Ministry of Agriculture comes in for a good deal of stick for adhering to production-oriented grant and price-support policies that are inimical to conservation, "an engine of destruction" in the words of Mr William Waldegrave at the Ministry of Environment. A change in the incidence of incentives is called for; and the committee echoes the chairmen of the three national conservation agencies in their recent letter to *The Times* in asking for a white paper to "review the whole use of the rural estate".

One sees the point. When the nation's workable land is being degraded (in terms of nature and aesthetics) by the pressures of higher production and intensification, and especially when the market is chronically over-supplied, it is time to change the financial basis of agriculture in a way that is more favourable to other cohabiting interests. It is less easy to see what the new economic basis of the rural economy might be, with or without the Common Market, open or shut to the outside world, to replace the economic basis that history has everywhere established: the maximization of profitable food production in line with the technology from time to time prevailing.

# TAXMAN OR WATERMAN?

The Government presents the cost of Thames water as a little local difficulty. Little, says Mr Gow: the government's exaction from Thames should cost no more than an extra 2 pence per day for the domestic consumer. Local: because only Thames is jibbing at the imposition when the Anglia and Wessex and other authorities are knuckling under.

On this occasion, however, the backwater has raised considerable issues of principle as well as the political embarrassment of Mr Gow's pleading letter to London and Home Counties' MPs. Here, in parallel with the way the state sets energy prices through the nationalized monopoly suppliers, are questions of the relationship between ministers and their management appointees. The government can so far be convicted of failing to think imaginatively either about re-drafting codes inherited from the era of Morrisonian socialism or about abolishing the problem by re-structuring these industries (introducing for example, customer-shareholders, or regulated private enterprise).

The brave fight of Mr Roy Watts, chairman of Thames, raises other matters. Effective management requires discretion, independent judgement as far down the line as possible; yet Mr Watts, as an effective corporate manager, has been sandbagged by the centre. In water the application of conventional models of asset valuation (of pipes put in the ground by the Victorians) and customer cost (measured by the imputed rental value of households) is fraught with dangers. It is a sphere in which the application of the Treasury's rate of return yardsticks should be applied with great caution.

This is no mere argument between two arms of the state which cannot agree even on the accounting procedures for putting a price on water authorities' pipes and drains (£4 billion says the Treasury; £725 million says Thames). It is the customer who pays, and insofar as he is paying more than the true cost of service then let it be clear: he is being taxed for drinking and flushing.

The primary issue was laid out this week in a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General. What the Comptroller intends in analysing the way Whitehall manages the water authorities is clear. As a monopolist-supplier Thames Water can set its charges at levels which guarantee the return demanded by the Treasury – without improving its cost-effectiveness one jot. In other words, the financial target set Thames has nothing to do with the vital target of achieving better value for customers' money by better staff productivity and stopping up leaky pipes. On the latter front Mr Watts seems to be performing relatively well (though in water there is still a long way to go). Meanwhile the government's financial plan for 1985-86 is there to suck money out of the household cisterns, and is a backdoor tax.

Perhaps we should recognize that, the Comptroller's report says, and let such a taxing power be openly acknowledged. In other words, let the central government take over the water industry and dispense with the arms-length industrial relationship that exists now. It would indeed serve the government right if the independent-minded Mr Watts and his board stood on their managerial dignity and resigned altogether, in order to let water consumers take their complaints straight to Westminster. There is another way. In water a closer connexion can be established between service provided and cost (by metering, for example); within a regulatory framework customer pressure could act as a discipline. In the longer run perhaps competition could be built in by breaking up supply and distribution, water and wastes. But for the moment, let the government reconsider the circumstances of Thames and forgo this liquid tax revenue.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Finding money for 'big' science

*From Professor R. A. Stradling and others*

Sir, While we sympathise with Professor Colley's position on the lack of any increase in funding for "big science", his letter (January 23) contained the statement that must be challenged, that half of SERC (Science and Engineering Research Council) resources are spent on applied science and went on to argue that this funding should be supplied by other Government agencies and by industrial sponsorship.

SERC is in fact split into four boards which each very roughly account for a quarter of the expenditure (the figures for the 1983/84 session taken from the SERC annual report are as follows: astronomy, space and radio (ASR) 16 per cent, engineering 24 per cent, nuclear physics 22 per cent, and science boards 27 per cent, with the remaining 11 per cent being spent on central support and administration).

As the "big science" supported by the ASR and nuclear physics boards would undoubtedly be counted as "pure", then in order to achieve 50 per cent expenditure on applied science, all the resources of both the engineering and science boards would have to be directed to that end.

Although expenditure is distributed equally between the boards, the communities that they serve are not. The numbers of permanent academic staff in the universities in the subject areas served by the boards are approximately as follows: ASR 250, engineering 4,000, nuclear physics 250 and science 5,000. Some 95 per cent of the university scientific community would have to work in applied science in order that 50 per cent of SERC resources are directed into this area.

The implicit assumption that the main areas of "pure" science are in space and nuclear physics would be resisted by the clients of science board, who would argue that the behaviour of matter on the atomic and molecular scale is just as fundamental and challenging as the extremes of distance represented by the nucleus and space, and is more "strategic" in the sense that such work is vital to the future health of the nation.

While we would support the provision of proper funds to the ASR and nuclear physics boards of SERC, we feel that the statement that half of SERC's expenditure is on applied science, and the implicit assumption that the only fundamental research is that performed by these two boards are not only erroneous, but are unhelpful to the current debate on the division of inadequate funds.

In making the decision on the allocation of the small additional funds recently made available Council of SERC would have been aware of the extreme under-funding of both pure and applied science that exists in other boards.

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*From Professor F. G. A. Stone, FRS*

Sir, The tenor of the letter from Professor D. C. Colley (January 23) conveys the impression that unless a scientist is working in a "big science" area, he or she is not doing basic research.

There are many chemists and biologists in our universities engaged in fundamental research who have inadequate resources for prosecuting their work to its maximum potential. The proportion of the SERC budget used in support of basic research in chemistry is about six per cent of its total budget. The SERC is the only realistic source of funds for basic research in chemistry in the UK; research which supports a most successful high-technology industry (see Professor Baldwin's letter of January 5).

Professor Colley seems unable to accept that the SERC must work within cash limits, and attempts to divert attention by expressing the "big science" share of the budget in percentage terms rather than in real money terms. For 1983-84, expenditure by the nuclear physics board and the astronomy, space and radio board amounted to £97,697,000, compared with approximately £20 million for support of those of us undertaking basic research in chemistry at universities and polytechnics; a constituency of about 1,600 scientists.

Moreover, the cost of research in nuclear physics and astronomy is affected by currency exchange rates, and the recent fall in the value of the pound sterling might produce added costs for these areas equivalent in amount to the total sum spent on research grants for chemistry at all our universities during the financial year 1983-84.

Unless present funding priorities are changed this country's standing in chemistry, to which the Swedish Ambassador referred in his letter of December 31, 1984, will be destroyed.

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## Reinstatement of the Friday fast

*From the Reverend Harry Potter*

Sir, That the Church has betrayed its truths and relaxed its rigour in an attempt to appease and attract ordinary people in a secular world is the tenor of your third leader today (January 26). What has been justified as the removal of "unnecessary barriers" has in fact been a "profound failure of nerve".

Even the Roman Church (though more reluctant than the liberal Protestant ones to water down its "offensive doctrines") has capitulated in matters of discipline and denial. The present Pope's reinstatement of the Friday fast is to be welcomed.

And so it may be. Self-denial, self-discipline and a strong sense of duty are all commendable and often neglected Christian virtues. To fast in a country glutted with wealth in a world where millions starve may be a necessary personal discipline and an overtly political act. Where I would disagree with you is over your contention that the churches over the last few years have made religion easier. The reverse is true.

Certainly in theology they have been exploring modes of interpreting Christianity consonant with contemporary conditions and have been removing *needless* hindrances and "*unnecessary* barriers" to the acceptance of the Christian faith. At the same time they have made the Christian life far more challenging, demanding and difficult.

No longer is fish on Friday or the sacrament on Sunday enough. Christianity invades all aspects of individual and of social and political life. To fast is more than to deny yourself meat:

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free . . . to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thy own flesh (Isa. 58: 6-7).

It is far more difficult to love your enemies than it is to fast on Fridays and far more important.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY POTTER, Chaplain.
Selwyn College,
Cambridge.
January 26.

*From the Reverend Colmcille Murphy*

Sir, In your view (leader, January 26) it appears that the main task facing the Church today has to do with penance, discipline, rules and fewer sausages on Fridays! A sort of Victorian "save your individual soul" by doing a "John the Baptist".

Meanwhile, the politicians, the military experts and the Fleet Streets of the non-Christian world will be free to pursue their "Star Wars", nuclear terror and concentration camps. They will be free to put an end to civilization as we know it.

Christians have always believed that in trying to enter into the complexities of their time (social, political, psychological and so forth) to which the Gospel of Christ must address itself the Church is undertaking the first discipline that Christ imposes upon it. Thus, many Christians will suspect that the "no sausages on Friday" syndrome is a pagan red herring!

Yours sincerely,
COLMCILLE MURPHY,
All Saints Franciscan Friary,
Barton Swing Bridge,
Redclyffe Road,
Urmston,
Manchester.
January 27.

## Prescription of drugs

*From Dr E. S. Snell*

Sir, Both the Chief Medical Officer of the DHSS (January 14) and the president of the Royal College of Physicians of London (January 15) imply that drugs can be divided into those that are essential for the full range of therapeutic needs and those that are not.

There are no agreed criteria for making such a distinction which, further, ignores the individual needs of patients and the differences in their response to medicines.

Personal or individual hospital formularies, as operated at present, are arrived at flexibly, according to local practices and needs of patients; they can be changed rapidly, they allow for exemptions and price is not the sole criterion.

These open, flexible lists are all different and can respond rapidly to local opinion, experience and innovation. A rigid, uniform, national list would contrast strongly with these arrangements and, in fact, would seriously interfere with them.

Future research to improve the medicines available in these proposed selected therapeutic areas is bound to be affected from loss of incentives. The proposals would also cast a general blight on the pharmaceutical industry – one of our few remaining manufacturing industries which combine a strong record of innovation with high export achievements.

Yours faithfully,
E. S. SNELL, Director,
Medical and Scientific Affairs,
The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry,
12 Whitehall, SW1.
January 14.

## Teachers' competence

*From Mrs Valerie Dagger*

Sir, It is heart-warming to note from the Headmaster of Cheltenham College (January 23) that masters agree (with whom?) that their performance is improving. I wonder what the the boys think?

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE DAGGER,
Greystones, Wrotham,
Sevenoaks, Kent.
January 23.

## Time to draw stumps

*From Mr W. G. Hadman*

Sir, As a child in the early fifties I was told why, instead of railings, there were the rusty stumps to which Mr Miles (January 23) refers. It was explained that they symbolized both the breaking down of barriers and the commitment to make any contribution, however small, that helped us as a nation win through to the end.

From that time, often and in unexpected places, these stumps have evoked more than many specific memorials and I for one should regret their wholesale tidying away.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. HADMAN,
3 Pleasant Terrace,
Uppingham, Leicestershire.
January 25.

## Future of countryside

*From Mrs M. P. Mounteney*

Sir, The letter from the President of the Council for British Archaeology (January 23) reminded us that the British countryside "also had a past". As, no doubt, in other parishes, the recent rapid thaw revealed the boundaries of ancient strip fields in neighbouring permanent pastures.

Yours faithfully,
MEG MOUNTENEY.
Field Cottage,
Georgeham, North Devon.
January 25.

## Oxford railway station

*From Dr A. L. Rowse, FBA*

Sir, I should like to raise a protest against the continued neglect of the public in enforcing the use of only one side of the railway station at Oxford: a much more useful subject to protest about than raising a silly fuss against the most eminent Oxford woman of the day being given, quite properly, an honorary degree.

It really is a shocking nuisance that hundreds of people arriving at Oxford station on the down side are crammed into a subway – with luggage, children, old people who can scarcely walk, with suitcases they can hardly carry, etc, etc – and have to cross over to the other side to get out of the station.

There are hundreds of railway stations less important than Oxford and with far less traffic, which have both sides of the station operating.

Professional protesters would do much better to address their energy to something useful, which would earn the gratitude of the public, instead of wasting time on protests which merit only disrespect.

Yours sincerely,
A. L. ROWSE.
All Souls College, Oxford.

## Twin wine coolers

*From Brigadier K.J. Mears*

Sir, On my return to England yesterday I was interested to see your picture (January 22) of Lady Leatham with a magnificent wine cooler. I doubt whether it could be as big as the one on display with the Crown Jewels as, in terms of weight, it is less than half the size, i.e., 3,690 oz as opposed to 8,000.

The Tower wine cooler is of silver gilt and was designed by John Bridge for George IV in 1829. It has a base representing sea caves which support children and animals in the scenery of the wine harvest and supposedly held 144 bottles of claret. It was used by Queen Victoria as a punchbowl for the christening of her son in 1841 (Edward VII to be) and a special ladle was made for it at this time.

It may be that the dimensions of Lady Leatham's cooler are larger as it is certainly of some size. I hope that she may visit us and compare notes when passing through London.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH MEARS,
Deputy Governor,
St Thomas's Tower,
HM Tower of London, EC3.
January 24.

## Acid snow

*From Miss Cathy Howells and Master David Howells*

Sir, We test snow and rain on our farm. We are surrounded by mountains and conifer trees. We find the snow is very acid, pH3.6. We melt the snow first. But we find the rain only a bit less acid, pH 4.1, or 4.4.

This is the first year we have done this, and we are surprised, as we thought our mountain water was good. The water in our taps is neutral.

Yours,
CATHY HOWELLS,
DAVID HOWELLS,
Gelly Farm,
Cymmer,
Port Talbot,
West Glamorgan.

## The miners' strike

*From Mr Alan Smith*

Sir, If the miners' union are serious about wanting talks with the Coal Board "without preconditions" they will presumably remove the worst precondition of all, by withdrawing their pickets and instructing the strikers to return to work.

No conceivable advantage can accrue to the taxpayer from negotiations conducted under duress. Normal conciliation procedures rightly require the removal of sanctions before arbitration proceeds; and common sense demands no less. Let there be "jaw-jaw" rather than "war-war": but not both.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN SMITH.
63 Leopold Road, SW19.
January 29.

*From Sir Anthony Grant, MP for Cambridgeshire South West (Conservative).*

Sir, In anticipation of the end of the miners' strike we should have in mind Churchill's dictum, "in victory, magnanimity". However, let us not forget that, while subsequently helping the broken German people to recover, we fought for total surrender – and would have hanged Hitler but for his demise in the bunker!

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY GRANT,
House of Commons.
January 27.

## Penguin anniversary

*From Mrs Judith Russell*

Sir, I found Mr E. J. Craddock's short history of Penguin Books (January 21) very interesting, but was disappointed that there was no mention of the Penguin Illustrated Classics produced in 1938.

Under the editorship of Robert Gibbings, Allen Lane commissioned nine wood-engravers including my mother, the late Gertrude Hermes, R.A, to illustrate nine classics which were paper-backed and sold at 6d each.

This was a particularly bold thing to do as most books at that time illustrated by contemporary wood-engravers were printed by private presses in limited editions. They were sold at high prices and usually had fairly superior bindings.

It would be sad if this very small but enterprising part of the Penguin list was forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH RUSSELL,
5 Sion Hill,
Clifton,
Bristol,
Avon.
January 21.

## The garrulous barber

*From Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, FRS*

Sir, PHS (January 25) does me too much honour. When I read my alleged rebuke to the garrulous barber, I was at once certain that I was not the author of it, but vaguely aware that the story was familiar to me.

I now know why. The garrulous barber was the barber by appointment to King Archelaus of Macedonia (413-399BC) and the rebuke was the King's. The story is to be found in Plutarch's *de garrulitate* 13 at 509A. Good jokes mature like good wine.

Yrs etc,
HAILSHAM,
House of Lords.
January 28.

## ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 31 1948

*Following the partition of the Indian continent in 1947 Mahatma Gandhi went to Delhi in January 1948 to begin a fast unto death in the cause of peace between Hindu and Moslem. He broke his fast on January 19 when he had been given assurances of peace by the leaders of both communities. On January 30 he was assassinated by Nathuram Godse, a Hindu Brahmin, editor of a newspaper vehemently opposed to Mr Gandhi's policy of tolerance.*

### MAHATMA GANDHI ASSASSINATED

From Our Own Correspondent
DELHI, JAN. 30

Mahatma Gandhi was shot and killed this evening by a Hindu fanatic who later gave his name as Nathu Ram.

Mr. Gandhi was walking from Birla House to the lawn at the back, where his evening prayer-meetings are held, and was several minutes late for the meeting. He was, as usual, leaning on the shoulders of his two grandnieces. As he approached the waiting crowd a young man dressed in a khaki bush jacket and blue trousers greeted him from a distance of 5ft. with the customary Hindu salutation of *Namesteh* – that is, with folded hands. Gandhi smiled at him and, according to one version, spoke to him. The young man then whipped out a pistol from an inside pocket and fired thrice at point-blank range. The bullets lodged in Mr. Gandhi's chest, stomach, and groin. Mr. Gandhi raised his hands above his head in the same salutation and fell down. He was carried into Birla House, and died half an hour later, at about 5.40 o'clock.

The young man fired a fourth shot, apparently in an attempt to kill himself, but a Royal Indian Air Force sergeant standing alongside jolted his arm and wrenched the pistol away. The sergeant was stopped from shooting the young man by the police. The assassin was also rescued by the police from the infuriated crowd, who fell on him with sticks.

#### "NOT SORRY"

Questioned by reporters, the assassin, a fair-skinned individual of medium height and spare build, aged about 30, who speaks English, said he was not sorry he had killed Mr Gandhi and would explain his reasons in court. His origin is still obscure, but he is said to be a Hindu Brahmin and, according to one report, comes from Poona. The pistol he used was a .38-calibre Biretta of Italian manufacture; scores of these weapons were captured from Italians in North Africa and smuggled back to India by Indian soldiers.

The news of Mr Gandhi's death was announced by the All-India radio at 6 o'clock and a crowd of several thousands immediately gathered at Birla House. Its mood was subdued and appeared to be one of stunned sorrow. One man who asserted in a loud voice that the assassin was a Muslim was promptly arrested by the police. But generally the crowd was not communal-minded. Mr Gandhi was reported to be conscious until shortly before he died, but it is not known whether he said anything. His body was wrapped in a shroud in the orthodox Hindu fashion, and his attendants recited the *Gita* (Hindu scriptures). Pandit Nehru, the Prime Minister, who, with other Ministers and political leaders had arrived at Birla House after the assassination, addressed the crowd briefly in a voice broken with emotion, and announced that the funeral would be at midday tomorrow.

#### AN UGLY SITUATION

The repercussions of the crime are certain to be widespread and intense throughout India and Pakistan. It may produce that change of heart for which Mahatma Gandhi laboured and gave his life. On the other hand, it may simulate communal frenzy. The presence of 5m. Hindu and Sikh refugees from Pakistan (of whom about 400,000 are in Delhi) has exacerbated public tempers, and communal organizations such as the Hindu Mahasabha and Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh have been active in preaching vengeance against Pakistan. The situation is heavy with ugly potentialities, and could easily get out of hand if the political leaders do not give a firm and wise lead.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 30: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Hussars (PWO), today received Lieutenant-Colonel P K Upton.

The Queen of the Netherlands celebrates her birthday today.

The Princess of Wales will visit Derby on February 19.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, will be in the chair at a meeting of the committee at Buckingham Palace on February 20.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit India from February 18 to 28 to complete the programme cut short by the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi.

The Duke of Edinburgh, senior fellow, Fellowship of Engineering, will present the MacRobert Award at Buckingham Palace on February 21.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel in Chief, the Parachute Regiment, will visit the 1st Battalion on exercise in Norway on February 21 and 22.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Harrison Monarch Limited at Deeside, Clywd, on February 22.

The Princess of Wales will visit the County Police Station of the Gloucestershire Constabulary, the Forum, Cirencester, on February 22.

The Prince of Wales will attend a dinner given by the Independent Broadcasting Authority in connection with International Youth Year at 70 Brompton Road, SW, on February 25.

A memorial service for Mr Percy Norris will be held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, at noon today.

## Memorial service

**Mr S. de Lotbinière**
A memorial service for Mr Seymour de Lotbinière was held at All Souls, Langham Place, yesterday. The Rev Austen Williams officiated. Mr Henry Duckworth read the lesson and Mr Henry de Lotbinière, son, read from *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan. Mr Brian Johnston gave an address. Among those present were:
Mrs Henry de Lotbinière (daughter-in-law), Andrew and Catharine de Lotbinière (grandchildren), Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edmond Joly de Lotbinière (brother), Mr and Mrs Toby de Lotbinière, Mr Christopher de Lotbinière, Mr and Mrs Valentine Lewthwaite, Miss Alice Lewthwaite, Mrs Michael Huxley, Mr and Mrs Neil Forsyth, Mrs John Wardell, Mrs Lindsay Blyth, Mr and Mrs John Dent, Miss Mary Dent.
Lady Anne Bentinck, the Hon Mrs Duckworth, Sir Roger Cary (representing the President of the Royal Television Society), Mr Richard Francis (managing director, BBC Radio, representing the director-general (BBC)), Mr Christopher Parsons (BBC Bristol), Mr Paul Fox, Mr and Mrs S G Williams, Mr Peter Dimmock, Mr Martin Pulling, Miss Audrey Russell, Mr Leonard Miall, Dr and Mrs Nicholas Browne, Major John Griffin, Miss Barbara McFadyean, Mr John Lane.
Mr Cliff Michelmore, Mr Wynford Vaughan-Thomas, Mr Michael Charlton, Mr John Green, Mr John Richmond, Miss Patricia Ewing, Mrs Simon Hornby, Mr Con Mahoney, Mr Raymond Baxter, Mr and Mrs W Mann, Mr John Richardson, Mr David Holmes, Mr Godfrey Talbot, Mr Cecil Madden, Mr John Fenton, Mr John Haslam (Press Office, Buckingham Palace) and Miss Joyce Green (Toc H).

## Birthdays today

Sir Lawrence Boyle, 65; Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley, 57; Miss Carol Channing, 64; Mr Christopher Chataway, 54; Mr Robert Clatworthy, 57; Air Marshall Sir Christopher Hartley, 72; Air Commodore Lord Harvey of Presbury, 79; Mr George Lyttleton, 81; Mr Norman Mailer, 62; Miss Jean Simmons, 56; the Rev Lord Soper, 82; Brigadier Sir Alexander Stanier, 86; Dame Freya Stark, 92; Sir Patrick Thomas, 71.



**Nesting instinct: Robin Naylor (left) and Paul Cambridge, of the 11th Newham West scouts, erecting a bird box in the grounds of St Mary's, at *Hill in the City* as part of a new campaign to encourage scouts and guides to set up nesting boxes throughout London to help birds whose natural habitat has been destroyed (Photograph: Laura Richter)**

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr J. M. St J. Harris and Mrs C. V. Kisch**
The engagement is announced between Jocelin, son of Sir Ronald and Lady Harris, and Cherry, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kisch.

**Mr R. T. J. Dean and Miss G. Newman**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Roy Dean, of Bewdley, Worcestershire, and Wendy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Newman, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

**Mr A. J. Fleetwood and Miss R. K. Hodge**
The engagement is announced between Andrew John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Fleetwood, of Marazion, Bidborough, Tunbridge Wells, and Rachel Kathleen, daughter of Canon and Mrs Michael Hodge, of Bidborough Rectory, Tunbridge Wells.

**Mr C. G. Hedley-Dent and Miss J. M. Davies**
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Hedley-Dent, of Newnham, Hampshire, and Judith, daughter of the Rev Stanley and Mrs Davies, of Doddiscombsleigh, Devon.

**Mr B. S. A. Moody and Miss P. J. Knox**
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Moody of Hong Kong, and Patricia, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E. Knox, of Erie, Pennsylvania, United States.

**Mr S. N. P. Joiner and Miss A. M. Slonims**
The engagement is announced between Stephen (Ben), son of Mr Peter Joiner, of Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, and the late Mrs Alma Joiner, and Nancy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. A. Slonims, of Harrow, Middlesex.

**Mr J. P. G. Turner and Mrs C. F. Maxwell-Batten**
The engagement is announced between James, second son of the late Mr Geoffrey G. Turner and Mrs Jane P. Bouly, of Malta, and Caroline, younger daughter of the late Mr and the Hon Mrs Derek Lawson and stepdaughter of Mrs Derek Lawson, of Passenham Manor, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr S. A. Jones and Miss C. J. Figgis**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs A. R. W. Jones, of Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire, and Carey, daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs A. L. Figgis, of Walliswood Farm, Walliswood, Surrey.

**Mr A. J. Thompson and Miss V. J. Howard**
The engagement is announced between Anthony James, son of Mr and Mrs E. D. Thompson, of Long Common House, Shamley Green, Surrey, and Vivien Janet, only daughter of Mr B. Howard and the late Mrs Howard, of Coedway, Alberbury, Powys.

## Latest appointments

**Mr Justice Johan van Zyl Steyn,** QC, to be a Justice of the High Court of Justice, in the Queen's Bench Division.
**Mr Alan Simpson** to be a Circuit Judge on the North Eastern Circuit.
**Group Captain D. J. Saunders** to be Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, in succession to Group Captain J. F. Boon.
**Group Captain M. N. Windle** to be Aide-de-Camp to the Queen, in succession to Group Captain M. C. Darby.
**The Hon Humphrey Maud** to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Economics), Foreign and Commonwealth Office, responsible for the economic relations department and trade relations and exports department, from February 4, in succession to Mr J. C. Thomas.
**Mr Colin Humphreys,** formerly Deputy Under-Secretary of State (Air), to be Director of Development at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

## Latest wills

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Caspar John, GCB, of Mousehole, Cornwall, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff 1960-63 and the son of Augustus John, the painter, left estate valued at £17,793 net.

## Lecture

The Andrew Humphrey memorial lecture was given last night to members of the Air League by Sir Austin Pearce at 4 Hamilton Place. Dr J E Henderson was in the chair. Among those present were:
Lady Humphrey, the Earl of Kimberly, Lord Trefgarne, Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, Admiral Sir Raymond and Lady Lygo, General Sir Frank King, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil and Lady Wheeler, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Rogers, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Craig, Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, Air Marshal Sir Roy and Lady Austen Smith, Air Marshal Sir Charles and Lady Pringle.
Air Marshal Sir Peter and Lady Harding, Air Marshal Sir Michael and Lady Knight, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Curtiss, Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Tuttle, Air Marshal Sir Christopher Hartley, Sir Clive Whitmore, Sir Arnold Hall, Sir Robert Telford, Lady Pearce, Mr and Mrs P R E McGhee, Mr Raymond Baxter, Mr J A H Chadwick, Mr and Mrs M V Gauntlett, Air Commodore C A Aidis, Mr J N H Bielloch, Mr A W Forster, Mr G A J Dowtman, Mr Michael J Cobham, Mr and Mrs D McClen, Mr G Knight, Mrs Muriel Dingell and Mr B P Laight.

## Bishop to retire

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Rev John Trillo, is to retire in September, it was announced yesterday.

He is aged 69, and has been Bishop of Chelmsford for 14 years, previously being Bishop Suffragan of Hertford and before that Bishop of Bedford.

## Sale room

# Record £1.5m for Audubon book

**By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent**

The Earl of Caledon's copy of John James Audubon's *The Birds of America* became the most expensive printed book, in sterling terms, ever sold at auction when it made £1.5million in New York on Tuesday. A Gutenberg Bible sold by Christie's in 1978 for £1.2million looks cheaper in sterling but more expensive in dollars.

The magically ornamental colour plates created by Audubon in the early years of the nineteenth century have long been the most sought after and expensive natural history illustrations in the world. There are 435 plates which were published in parts over a period of 12 years from 1827-1839. Between 175 and 200 sets were produced; it is not known exactly how many.

Last February Sotheby's in London sold an outstanding copy as a single lot for £1.1million, and in June 1983 thay had scored an almost identical price in New York for a copy which was sold plate by plate. Breaking it up tends to achieve a higher overall price and this was how the Caledon copy was sold. Each of the 435 plates was a separate lot.

Audubon sold most of the sets by subscription but took a small number with him to America when he returned there from England in 1839. It was one of these that was acquired by the third Earl of Caledon in 1842 when serving with the Coldstream Guards in Quebec. The present earl, speaking from Caledon Castle in Co Tyrone yesterday, explained that the family could not afford to keep the book at Caledon because of the insurance cost.

It had spent the past two years in an air-conditioned store at Sotheby's and before that was on loan to a Scottish library. The family had not been getting any enjoyment from it.

Some of the main plates had been creased over the years and the top price was $30,800 (estimate $30,000-$35,000) or £27,357. Three or four plates were unsold.

Christie's in New York on Tuesday were selling the private collection of furniture and works of art formed by Angus MacCuaig Percival, former chief executive of Stair and Co. the antique dealers. The sale made £421,348 with only 1 per cent unsold and an unlooked for $18,700 (estimate $3,200-$3,800) or £16,403 for a pair of English walnut stools of the early eighteenth century.

At Christie's South Kensington yesterday, the auctioneers' bid to put nineteenth century papier mâché wares on the map by holding specialist sales proved a success. The top price was £850 (estimate £400-£600) for a set of three trays with gilt decoration on a blue ground.

## Fruiterers' Company

At the court meeting of the Fruiterer' Company held on January 25 1985, at Innholders' Hall, EC4, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Mr Ronald E. Starns, Master; Mr Matthew M. Mack, Upper Warden; Mr Norman G. Sheldon, Renter Warden.

Mrs Pauline Halliday was elected as clerk in succession to Mr J. C. Airey, who retired from office.

## Middle Temple

Mr John C. Shepherd, President of the American Bar Association, has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple.

## Church news

Canon Timothy Tyndall, Rural Dean of Wearmouth, is to be the next Chief Secretary of the Church of England's General Synod Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry (ACCM) from the end of April.

Other appointments:
The Rev M Belham, Vicar of Hillingdon, diocese of London, to be Priest-in-charge of Broughton and North Newington diocese of Oxford
The Rev P W Bowlell, Curate of Gorleston-on-Sea, St Andrew, diocese of Norwich, to be Team Vicar in Forest Gate, St Saviour with West Ham, St Matthew Team Ministry, diocese of Chelmsford
The Rev D A S Boyes, Vicar of St Barnabas, Cray, diocese of Rochester, to be Priest-in-charge of East Soham, with Cretingham and Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
The Rev M Bunker, Vicar of St James with St Matthew, Muswell Hill, diocese of London, to be also Area Dean of West Haringey, same diocese
The Rev K Campbell, Curate of St Michael's, Aughton, diocese of Liverpool to be Vicar of Brough with Stainmore, diocese of Carlisle
The Rev R Chatham, Rector of Hoby cum Rotherby with Brooksby and Ragdale, diocese of Leicester, to be Rector of Overstrand, diocese of Norwich.
The Rev P N H Coney, Vicar of Martock with Ash, Rural Dean of Martock, and Diocesan Press Officer, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Prebendary of Wells Cathedral
The Rev H W Cooper, Curate-in-charge of St Peter, North Hayling, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar of Whitwell and Vicar of St Lawrence, Isle of Wight, same diocese
The Rev P J Fox, formerly Priest in-charge of Gerehu, diocese of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, to be Priest in-charge of East With west Rudham, Houghton next Harpley, Syderstone with Barmer, Tatterford and Tattersett, diocese of Norwich.
The Rev F J Fox-Wilson, Vicar of Hellingly, St Peter and St Paul and Upper Dicker, Holy Trinity, diocese of Chichester, to be Vicar of Goring by Sea, St Mary.
Rev M O C Joy, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hartlepool diocese of Durham Canon of St Maseru Cathedral diocese of Lesotho to be Vicar of St Paul, St Michael and St John, Ferham Park, Rotherham, diocese of Sheffield.
The Rev P F Green, Assistant Curate Lydney with Aylburton, diocese of Gloucester, to be Vicar of Westbury on-Severn, with Flaxley and Blaisdon, same diocese
Rev B J Lovatt, Vicar of Brighton, St Anne with St George, diocese of Chichester, to be also Priest in-charge of Brighton, Kemp Town St Mark with Kemp Town St Matthew same diocese.
The Rev G R Neave, formerly Head of History at Netteswell School, Harlow, and a non-stipendiary Minister, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Chaplain and Lecturer in History at Harlow Tertiary College, same diocese
The Rev T J G Newcombe, Assistant Priest of St Mary, Hitchin, diocese of St Albans, to be Rector of Stoney Stanton and Croft, diocese of Leicester
The Rev J Overden, Precentor of Ely Cathedral and Vicar of Stuntney, diocese of Ely, to be Vicar of St Mary, Primrose Hill, diocese of London
The Rev P W L Ratcliffe, Vicar of Rainham and Rector of Wennington, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Vicar of Heacham and Priest in-charge of Sedgeford with Southmere, diocese of Norwich
The Rev J Richardson, Vicar of Penallt, diocese of Monmouth, to be Rector of Amotherby with Appleton and Barton-le-Street diocese of York.
The Rev J Scott, Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity, Dalston, diocese of London, to be Vicar of St Matthew, Ponders End, same diocese
Preb R E Simpson, Perbendary of St Paul's Cathedral, and Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, diocese of London, to be also Priest-in-charge of St David with St Clement, Westbourne Road, same diocese.
The Rev P D Slater, Vicar of Bulford, Figheldean and Milston, diocese of Salisbury, to be also Rural Dean of Avon, same diocese.
The Rev R G Speck, Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Woolbridge, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be Rector of St Ouen and St George, Jersey, Channel Islands, diocese of Winchester.

## University news

**Aberdeen**
The university is to establish a third chair of engineering in the field of electronics from the start of the next academic year.

**London**
Dr Catherine S. Peckham has been appointed to the newly established chair of paediatric epidemiology at the Institute of Child Health. Dr Peckham, who will take up her appointment on April 1, is reader in community medicine and head of the department of community medicine and general practice at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.
The new Nuffield professor of child health, which is held at the Institute of Child Health, will be Professor June Lloyd, professor of child health at St George's Hospital Medical School. She will take up her new appointment, in succession to Professor O. H. Wolff, on October 1.
Professor Philip J. Graham is to be Dean of the Institute of Child Health, in succession to Professor O. H. Wolff from October 1. Professor Graham has been Walker professor of child psychiatry since 1975.

**Leeds**
The Chancellor, the Duchess of Kent, will confer the following honorary degrees at a ceremony to be held on May 14:
DD: The Rt Rev Gordon Wheeler, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds.
LDD: Mr Lionel (Len) Murray, formerly General Secretary of the TUC; Mr Douglas Shortridge, Chairman of the Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign.
LittD: Mr John Piper, CH, artist and poet; Professor Robert Shackleton, authority on Montesquieu and formerly Bodley's Librarian.
DSc: Emeritus Professor Irene Manton, FRS, formerly professor of botany, Leeds University; Madame Xie Xide, President of Fudan University, Shanghai.
MEng: Cllr Douglas Gabb, Lord Mayor of Leeds and Chief Technician of Leeds University's Houldsworth School of Applied Science.



**Miss Jean Wilks, of Birmingham University.**

**Birmingham**
The university council has elected Miss Jean R. F. Wilks as its first woman Pro-Chancellor, in succession to Dr Charles Beale, who retires at the end of February. Miss J. Wilks was headmistress of King Edward VI High School for Girls, Birmingham, from 1965 to 1977, and a president of the Association of Headmistresses.

**Bath**
Grants
Department of Health and Social Security: £45,000 to Mr S C Edwards for a programme of energy monitoring at St Mary's Hospital, Isle of Wight.
Science and Engineering Research Council: £40,000 to Professor M M Campbell and Dr D W Brown towards the purchase of a high yield NMR spectometer for synthetic mechanistic and structural studies in organic and biological chemistry.
Economic and Social Research Council: £80,000 to Mr R E Morgan and Dr C J Maggs for research into police accountability and the development of police community liaison arrangements.

**Stirling**
Professor Ronald J Roberts, professor of aquatic pathobiology and director of the institute of aquaculture at Stirling University, has been appointed Buckland professor by the trustees of the Buckland Foundation, for this year.
One of his duties will be to give a series of lectures on aspects of fisheries development, conservation or rational exploitation. He is the first university scientist to be appointed to the position for 20 years.

**Buckingham**
Honorary degrees will be conferred by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, FRS, on the following at the graduation ceremony on February 23:
LLD: Lord Scarman.
DLitt: Professor Peter Mathias, Chichele professor of economic history, Oxford University; Professor Charles Vereker, formerly professor of social and political theory and Pro-Principal of the University College at Buckingham.
DUniv: Mr Edgar Palamountain, Chairman of Council of the University of Buckingham 1979-1984.

**Appointments**
Lectureships
Business policy and accountancy: Mr C H Carr MA (Cantab), CEng; economics: Dr P Z Tzannatos BSc (Econ) (Athens), MA (Econ) Kent, PhD (Econ) London; industrial relations and personnel management: Mrs J E Mercer MA (Cantab).

## Luncheons

**HM Government**
Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Oddmund Hammerstad, State Secretary of Defence for Norway.

**English-Speaking Union**
The Hon Jonathan Guinness was the guest speaker at the English-Speaking Union literary luncheon held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director-General of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, was in the chair.

**Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce**
Mr Donald P. MacKinnon, a Vice-President of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. The guests of honour was Mr D. Grant Devine, Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan. The Canadian High Commissioner, honorary president of the chamber, was among others present.

**Carmen's Company**
Mr C. F. W. Bird, Master of the Carmens' Company, assisted by the Wardens, Mr O. Sunderland and Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver, presided at a court luncheon held yesterday at Cutler's Hall. The Senior Warden and Mr Brian Rix, Secretary-General of Mencap, also spoke.

**Newspaper Society**
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, was the guest of the Newspaper Society, the association of publishers of regional and local Press, at a luncheon held yesterday at Stationer's Hall. Mr Tim Morris, president of the society, was the host. Among the other guests were the Duke of Atholl, Earl De La Warr, Lord Marsh, Chairman of the Newspaper Publishers Association, Lord McGregor of Durris, Chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority, Mr Tony Speller, MP, and Mr David Harris, MP.

## Reception

**College of Speech Therapists**
The Earl of Halsbury, President of the College of Speech Therapists, and the council of the college, held a reception yesterday at Stationers' Hall. Among those present were:
Lord Campbell of Croy, Lady Aston, Professor J Marshall, Dr E Simpson, Professor A C Gimson, Professor J Joseph, Dr D E Cullington, Mrs S Saunders, Professor D Child, Mrs M Fawcus, Dr B Fisher, Mr T Heyworth, Dr R B Jones, Dr J A R Lawson, Dr M Griffiths, Mr McNab Jones, Dr Reid, Dr F Rose, Mr K Afrow, Mr G Arnold, Mr J Baldwin.
Mr J Kelly, Mr J Pring, Dr S Ramsaran, Mrs S Summers, Miss O Tooley, Dr D Darlington, Professor I Macdonald, Dr E L Rees, Dr I Mackinlay, Dr M Beveridge, Dr H Dewart, Dr O W Hill, Dr R Howarth, Dr D Muthall, Miss R Sleinthorp, Mr R Key, Mr A Newton, MP, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, MP, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, Mr A Rowe, MP, Mrs A Rumbold, MP, Mr M Stern, MP and Fellows and Members of the College of Speech Therapists.

## Dinners

**Speaker**
The Speaker and Mrs Bernard Weatherill gave a dinner in Speaker's House yesterday evening. Those present included:
Gregor MacKenzie, MP, and Mrs MacKenzie, Mr Kenneth Carlisle, MP, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, and Mrs Clark, Mr Barry Jones, MP, and Mrs Jones, Mr David Knox, MP, and Mrs Knox, Mr Anthony Lloyd, MP, and Mrs Lloyd, Mr Gerald Malone, MP, and Dr Anne Blyth, Mr Antony Marlow, MP, and Mrs Marlow, Mr John Maxton, MP, and Mrs Maxton, Mr William O'Brien, MP, and Mrs O'Brien, Mr Stephen Ross, MP, and Mrs Ross, Mr Giles Shaw, MP, and Mrs Shaw, Mr Nigel Spearing, MP, and Mrs Spearing, Mr Anthony Steen, MP, and Mrs Steen, Dr Gavin Strang, MP, and Mrs Strang, Mr David Trippier, MP, and Mrs Trippier, Mr Michael Woodcock, MP, and Mrs Woodcock and Canon Ronald Jennings.

**Britain-Australia Society**
Lord Shackleton, Chairman of the Britain-Australia Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House to mark Australia Day (January 26). Lord Ezra and Professor Geoffrey Bolton also spoke. Among the guests were:
The High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, the High Commissioner for Papua New Guinea, the Deputy High Commissioner for New Zealand and the Agents General for Australia and their ladies, Viscount De L'Isle VC, and Viscountess De L'Isle, Lady Ezra, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, and Lady Rawlinson.
Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, and Lady Atkins, Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, and Lady Cowen, the Hon Barry and Mrs McFadzean, the Hon Hugo Slim, the Hon Mary Ann Slim, Sir Anthony Burney, Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, Major-General Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe, Lady McKay, Sir John Pagan, Sir Donald and Lady Tebbit, Sir Anthony and Lady Tuke, the Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Leicester, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Portsmouth, Dr and the Hon Mrs Richard Bergel, Mr Stephen Carden, Mr and Mrs John Chick, Mr Colin Cowdrey, Canon and Mrs Rex Davis, Mr and Mrs John Lewis, and Dr and Mrs S S Richardson.

**Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers**
The Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers held its first dinner of the present session at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night. Mr A. H. Cantrell presided and among those present were:
Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, Sir William Harris, Sir Kirby Laing, Professor Sir Alan Harris, Sir Diarmuid Downs, Sir Frederick Bolton, Sir James Gould, Mr C R C Turner, Mr J W Baxter, Rear Admiral J G Watson, Mr J V Bartlett, Mr J A Derrington, Mr J T Calvert, Mr J G Wiltshire, Mr J McCallum, Mr W G N Geddes, Mr M C Purbrick, Mr T L G Deuce, Mr J C McKenzie, Mr K F Scott, Mr Derek Kimber, Major General G B Sinclair, Mr D J Lee, Mr C M Mitchell, Mr M W Powell, Mr H C O'Neill, Mr D C Gregory, Mr C F Cole, Dr Ralph Delbourgo, Mr T J Thirlwall, Mr Alastair Paterson, Mr D G M Roberts, Mr Alan Cockshaw, Professor G S Beveridge and Mr H B Gould.

# OBITUARY

## MR ARTHUR HAGG

### Designer of prewar De Havilland aircraft

Mr Arthur Hagg, OBE, who died on January 21 at the age of 96 played a major role in British aircraft design before the Second World War. In particular as Chief Designer of De Havilland he took a leading role in the design of practically all the between-wars aircraft types produced by the company which included the celebrated DH 88 Comet Racer and many of the transport aircraft which were flown by Imperial Airways and other airlines.

Hagg joined the De Havilland company when it was founded in 1920 and became involved in the design of the run of successful commercial aircraft with which the company initially made its reputation. These included the four engined DH 86 biplane passenger and freight carrier from which stemmed the ubiquitous DH Dragon Rapide which enjoyed an extraordinary long life from its appearance in 1934, a few still being operated today.

But perhaps Hagg's and De Havilland's most famous effort was the DH88 Comet which was built especially to contest the 1934 London-Melbourne air race. Powered by two 230 hp Gipsy Six R engines the Comet was ahead of its time in its exceptional cleanliness of design, remarkably thin wing and fully retractable undercarriage.

After day and night working to complete the aircraft for the race the Comet reached Melbourne first out of 19 starters, covering the 11,300 miles in two days and 23 hours, at an average speed of 180 mph.

The structural design features of the Comet helped provide the basis for the De Havilland Mosquito, one of the most remarkable aircraft of World War II.

Another Hagg-inspired aircraft was the four engined DH 91 Albatross of 1937 which again was noteworthy for its aerodynamically clean lines and is still regarded as one of the most beautiful aircraft ever built. A transatlantic commercial aircraft, the Albatross had the remarkable performance for its times of being able to cruise 3,000 miles at a speed of 200 mph.

After a break from De Havilland during which time he designed and built air-sea rescue boats, he returned in 1943 as Technical Director of Airspeed (in which De Havilland had acquired a controlling interest) responsible for the design and production of a Brabazon Committee aeroplane the Airspeed Ambassador, which eventually entered into service with British European Airways, known as the Elizabethan.

After retirement from De Havilland he spent much of his life devoted to his old love, designing very elegant boats, many of which can still be seen on the Solent today.

Hagg was a man with great zest for life, a keen sense of humour and always argued that "efficiency of design came through aerodynamic purity."

## MR HAROLD ELVIN

Reginald Massey writes:
The death of Harold Elvin at the Charing Cross Hospital on January 20 will sadden many people in various corners of the world. A man of many parts – poet, novelist, organist, essayist, ceramic artist, painter on steel, humorist and eccentric – he bicycled through several countries from Lapland to Cambodia during a fruitful life of 76 years.

He was, at one time or another, film projectionist, farmhand, art director at Elstree Studios, scene painter, interior designer, courier for Thomas Cook, lecturer and, during the war, nightwatchman at the British Embassy in Moscow.

It was during his stint in the Soviet capital that he met and wooed a young Russian ballerina who, later, as his wife Violetta Elvin, was to make an impact on British ballet.

The marriage did not, however, last very long perhaps because Harold's best friend at the time was "Sir Walter", his faithful Raleigh bicycle. On this he would ride off at short notice to faraway places such as Hell (in Norway). The resulting travelogues and memoirs *Elvin's Rides, The Ride to Chandigarh, A Cockney in Moscow* (which won the Atlantic Prize for Literature), and *The Ride to Hell: thirty countries on a bicycle* (even today an English language textbook for Japanese students) earned him a respectable reputation.

He was indeed a prolific prizewinner: *God's Right Hand Upon My Shoulder* received the Tom Gallon Award, *The Gentle Russian* won an Arts Council Award and *The Incredible Mile* secured him a Churchill Fellowship. This last was an ironic honour since he was bred on strong socialism: his father Herbert Elvin, a dedicated trade union official was elected President of the TUC in 1938 and brother George was the fiery General Secretary of the ACTT.

Later, he went into ceramics and painting with devilish gusto and his works sold well in the United States, Scandinavia and Japan.

A man of wide sympathies, Harold loved India and for the last decade or so was blissfully happy in London with his wife Surya Kumari, a distinguished dancer-singer from south India.

He worked himself hard to complete his last novel *Song of Siberia* only a week before cancer of the thyroid forced him into hospital. Harold claimed that his book, to be brought out by Muller in the autumn, was to be the first eastern as opposed to a western. Two days before he died his writer friend Marc Alexander persuaded the publisher to rush the jacket to Harold so that he might see it since it featured one of his own paintings.

## SIR KENNETH HOGG

Sir Kenneth Hogg Bt, OBE, who died on January 25, was born on September 13 1894 and was educated at Haileybury and Christ Church, Oxford.

Joining the Irish Guards, he fought in the trenches during most of the First World War, towards the end of which he was wounded, and then continued to serve in the Irish Guards until retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1933.

When the Second World War broke out he rejoined and from 1941 onwards he worked in the Directorate of Recruiting and Demobilization department of the War Office, being appointed OBE for his services there.

In 1967 he became the sixth baronet.

Although he was a keen sportsman, his principle enthusiasm was bridge. Starting in the days of auction bridge he quickly mastered contract bridge and was regarded as one of the finest players of his generation, on one occasion playing for England against the American team brought over by Eli Culbertson.

In 1936 he married the only daughter of the second Lord Doverdale, the Hon Aline Partington, who survives him.

Mr Philip Ingleson, CMG, MBE, MC, who died on January 20 at the age of 92, was a former UK Trade Commissioner in Queensland (1949-53) and Western Australia (1954-56) who had earlier been in the Sudan Political service, serving successively as governor of Halfa, Berber, Bahr-el-Ghazal and Darfur provinces. He was chairman of Grampian Furniture and of the Chair Centre from 1958 to 1972.

Mr C. W. Lynn, CBE, who died on January 18, was a former director of agriculture and chairman of the Natural Resources Board in Zambia and, after his retirement, director of agriculture in the Bahamas.

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# THE ARTS

**Tonight's Festival Hall concert given by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Georg Solti, forms part of *The Times* 200th Birthday Celebrations. Valerie Solti, the conductor's wife, looks back on another anniversary, the 150th of the birth of Theodore Thomas (right), the founder of the Chicago Symphony and its first permanent conductor**

## Putting Chicago on the musical map

During the second half of the last century Theodore Thomas was a key figure in the development of American musical taste and American orchestral standards. Perhaps more than anyone else in the US he taught the public there to understand and appreciate symphonic music. He introduced the major works of Brahms, Liszt, Bruckner, Richard Strauss and Wagner to audiences in the rapidly growing cities all over the country. He worked tirelessly to raise the quality of orchestral music and to improve the status and working conditions of those who played it. The founding of the Chicago Symphony was the culmination of his career.

Yet surprisingly the name of Theodore Thomas is now all but forgotten, even in Chicago itself, whose position in the musical world owes so much to his pioneering contribution. I first became aware of Theodore Thomas while researching material on Liszt and Cosima Wagner in Chicago. In the special collection of the Newberry Library I came across several letters from Wagner to Thomas. They concerned a commission for Wagner to write a Festival March for the American Centennial Exhibition in 1876. Then there were later attempts to persuade Cosima to allow Thomas to perform *Parsifal* in America. I wanted to know more about Thomas, but discovering him was not easy. Few people knew anything about him apart from hazy recollections that he was the founder of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

He was born in Esen in Northern Germany and emigrated to the US in 1845, with his father, also a musician. As an 11 year old he was employed to assist his father, playing the violin in the pit of a Broadway theatre. His initiative showed itself early on when, aged 14, he organized his own tour of the Southern States. Travelling alone on horseback with his violin and a pistol, "hoping to meet some bandits on the way", he gave concerts in hotel dining rooms.

In 1854 he became a member of the New York Philharmonic Society starting to conduct a couple of years later. In 1862 he founded his own orchestra, the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, and toured the United States for more than 10 years.

He had phenomenal energy. Between 1868 and 1875 he gave 1,227 concerts in the summer season alone. Roughly calculated, this works out at 7 concerts a week, plus rehearsals, and the administration of the orchestra. He was a prolific letter writer, well-informed on international affairs and the latest works of the European composers, many of whom he brought to the US. He championed the cause of Wagner and founded the American Wagner Society.

The Chicago fire of 1871 indirectly aided the founding of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. On the day the fire broke out Thomas and his orchestra arrived in the city for a two week engagement. Because of the resulting cancellation, the lack of income plunged Thomas into grave financial difficulties which he never overcame. He struggled on for many years trying to give his orchestra a guarantee of work, but in 1888 he was forced to disband the Thomas Orchestra. In New York the same year he met by chance an old friend from Chicago, Charles Norman Fay, a businessman, who when he heard of Thomas's plight asked if he would be prepared to move permanently to Chicago and start an orchestra there to which came the apocryphal reply: "I would go to hell if they would give me an orchestra."

Fay and a group of Chicago businessmen put up the money to guarantee an orchestra for three years and in October, 1891, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra gave its opening concert.

The beginnings were far from easy – the public wanted more dance music and less Beethoven and Wagner. The hall where they played, the Auditorium Theatre, was too big. But Thomas with his usual drive refused to alter his programmes, asking if they were to be inferior in standard to those of the Boston Orchestra. He asked the Board of Trustees to build him a new concert hall. $750,000 was raised by a city-wide collection and the new concert hall was opened in 1904, but rehearsals and concerts took place in a damp unfurnished hall. Many of the orchestra caught colds, including Thomas who, despite respiratory problems, continued giving concerts until pneumonia overtook him. He died in 1905 having given barely half a dozen concerts in his new home.

Lotte Lehmann wrote of him: "A man all in all to whom I should like to erect a monument." His permanent monument is of course his orchestra, the Chicago Symphony.



## London debuts

**Dang Thai Son** – remember that name: Hanoi-born, Moscow-trained, this 26-year-old pianist showed a Wigmore Hall audience the glittering form which won him the 1980 Warsaw Chopin Competition. To an all-Chopin first half he brought a touch of refined steeliness, an ability to delineate the quickest passages crisply without jeopardizing their poetic content – the joyous effervescent quality of the E flat Rondo, for example.

One could delight in his perfect weighting of a "simple" arpeggio accompaniment, as in the E flat minor Scherzo. Here the Vietnamese's rare ability to focus on concealed details of middle-register writing added much to the drama. His potential as a Chopin performer is immense; now he must cultivate a more natural rubato.

Hearing Son shine in a very different piece – Prokofiev's brutal but exhilarating Sixth Sonata – confirmed that he has stamina and muscle as well as grace. The way he gathered together the finale's disparate strands, drawing up strength for its furious stampede of scales and fanfares, was electrifying.

Australian pianist **Mark Hooper**, at the same venue, communicated little to me, least of all his preparedness to tackle a daunting, Ashkenazy-type programme that included a late Beethoven sonata and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an exhibition*. Hazy pedalling, a perfunctory approach to phrasing and little dynamic variation had earlier dogged Mozart's Sonata, K332. The formidable technical and interpretative challenges of *Pictures* exposed other problems: uneven articulation; a rushing of *Bydlo* when this wagon's progress should surely sound inexorable; and a lack of staying power that unhinged the *Great Gate of Kiev*.

Hooper's under-characterized interpretation of Beethoven's Op 110 was curiously effective in the enigmatic fugue at least – serving to highlight the dramatic interventions of the Adagio's theme. He also produced some pleasantly delicate tone throughout the evening.

A young Musicians Symphony Orchestra concert at the Barbican gave Colorado-based conductor **Charles Ansbacher** the chance to make his British debut. In America Ansbacher achieved a transitory fame by directing live symphonic backing for displays of synchronized swimming. There was nothing wet about his solid but flexibly-paced interpretation of Dvorak's Symphony No 9, however, nor his thoroughly professional and neat accompaniment to Malcolm Binns's somewhat undemonstrative account of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4.

**Richard Morrison**

## Recital

### Jorge Bolet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Marvellous. We do not often hear piano playing like this. Actually, to begin at the beginning, we do not often hear a piano like this. Jorge Bolet wisely leaves the ungrateful Elizabeth Hall Steinway offstage, and plays a warm-toned, humanely sonorous Bechstein.

But it surely would not sound quite like this under other hands. Bolet is an idiosyncratic interpreter, for whom performance in a grand tradition of rich virtuosity is probably more important than the originality of approach or technical prowess celebrated these days.

The results can be disconcerting; in his first half Bolet strung together a suite of Debussy Preludes, combining items from both books to make a wholly original compilation. I half expected him to treat them as Godowsky treated Chopin miniatures, modulating through a few chords to link them up.

But Bolet's Debussy, though unfamiliar in the gentleness of its sonority and in the lack of spikiness which, for example, Michelangeli cultivates to fine effect in these pieces, was splendidly atmospheric. The sustained depth of tone made "General Lavine: excentric" into a kaleidoscopically varied portrait of a colourful character; the evaporation of "Le danse de Puck" was magical. There were puzzles; why did Bolet skip a few bars in "Minstrels"?

In the complete Chopin Preludes (all in the right order), reservations were swept aside. This was one of the most exciting, magisterial Chopin performances I have heard. Just after the centre of the set, as the lyrical F sharp major Prelude led on to the A Flat major (done with telling rubato) and the C minor it attained a concentration and intensity which made listening, as it should be, exhausting and exhilarating.

**Nicholas Kenyon**

## Television

**Blow-dry in Vegas** (BBC-1) was a glossy documentary about the 1984 World Hairdressing Championship in Las Vegas. This event was described as a Mecca for top hairdressers throughout the world, which seemed unlikely.

There is nothing more annoying than a television programme which approaches a trivial subject on its own level. The world will not be won or lost on the fall of a fringe or the length of a sideburn, but that is not a good reason to leave the viewer with this narcissistic event's unchallenged evaluation of itself.

Competition hairdressing plainly has its own aesthetics – platinum blonde for women, and a dark, Ronald Reagan, bay shade for men. It seemed as if the aim of the contestants was to turn the models out with coiffures which would reduce an average High Street customer to tears or laughter.

The documentary was appealingly photographed and contained some wittily-composed images: two workmen on ladders in front of a giant L'Oreal hoarding slowly pasted the nostrils on to a Cocteausque beauty; and the show opened with a nicely-judged snippet of the contest's host, Liberace, allowing the audience to touch his fur coat.

Britain's best hopes rested on the Constantinou brothers from Cardiff, world-class barbers. Their feverish application left us in no doubt as to the seriousness of the whole affair. With the ascetism of monks they spurned the fleshpots of Nevada and stayed in their hotel rooms before the contest practising passes with their combs.

At times, however, the film, and the contestants, lost their heads. The Constantinou brothers raged over the judges' supposed corruption and complained that the contest was as bent as a bobby pin. They could have been right; the US teams swept the board with coiffures that seemed to touch new heights of tastelessness.

**Celia Brayfield**

## Theatre
# Teacher taught

### Class K
Royal Exchange, Manchester

As an actor, Trevor Peacock habitually comes on as a grinning clown and then takes you unawares with piercing insights into the non-comic emotions. The same could be said of his latest musical: in some ways a cheery, good-natured sequel to *Leaping Ginger*, except that it happens to be set in a classroom where the comprehensive system dumps its rejects.

Quarantined from the rest of the school, Class K fill up their days with anything they fancy, never looking a staff member in the eye, and living only for the day when they will be released into no-hope lives outside. Mr Peacock's theme is wasted potential, and he tackles it by dramatizing his own teaching experiences: showing how a middle-aged woman, returning to teaching after bringing up a family, succeeds in accepting a group whose only certainty is that of rejection.

We first see Mrs MacKenzie arriving on her first day, surrounded by the deafening tumult that is a speciality of this theatre and scared to death. Then we meet the class. It lives up to all the shuddering descriptions, but individually everyone in it (apart from the unspeaking and finally suicidal Rose) is interesting and sympathetic. The production (by the Exchange directorial quartet) has outstanding players in Elaine Lorden as a viper-tongue tease, and Cyril Nri as the resident beautiful mover, but all the children are finely drawn.

Music and lyrics (by the author and Chris Monks) are used to take you inside their private worlds, and the stage repeatedly dissolves into space stations and idyllic days on the river. Privy to these fantasies, Mrs MacKenzie offers to make them all come true, which she succeeds in doing at the cost of police swoops, blackmail and her job.

She is from first to last a liberal newcomer, anxious to make friends and undo some of the damage. What the piece is saying is that while this is better than punitive treatment and neglect it is still not enough. The story is as much a learning process for her as it is for them; and it ends with her resolving to do better next time.

Judy Loe, a trim boiler-suited figure radiating enthusiasm at every pore, identifies so completely with the character's intentions that it is only at the end that you realize that her view in any way differs from the author's. Any class would be put off with such a show of guileless patronage. Otherwise this musical is the work of a keen intelligence and a warm heart.

**Irving Wardle**

### A Summer's Day
Polish Theatre, Hammersmith

Slawomir Mrozek began his creative life as a cartoonist. His new play contains elements of the early vocation, though infused now with a cruel logic. *A Summer's Day* is a philosophic caricature: the first image is of a forked tree and of a man struggling in a noose. Jonathan Hackett is Unsux, an emblematic loser. Besmirched and contorted by paroxysms of failure, he fails even in his suicide bid. On strolls the dapper and self-assured Philip Voss: his Sux oozes success to the very tip of his cigar.

Unsux cannot swim or score; Sux has every dream come true ("I've got several cups and medals"). After listening to the tramp – who is lonely in his own loquacity – the rich man speaks: "I envy you." Unsux has hope; Sux knows nothing of chance and miracles. The tramp dislikes his own life; the rich man merely dislikes life. He, too, it transpires, has come to the park to kill himself.

Mrozek's play is an exercise in metaphysical banter. Silences are padded with luxurious eyeflickers; scrupulous longueurs are rich in mime. Unsux chews his kerchief; Sux twirls his cane. Thesis and antithesis hop to and fro. But despite their differences, the men are in alliance about suicide. Until, that is, Linda Marlowe floats across the stage as the Lady. The men have become rivals. At a cafe, Sux succinctly translates Unsux's plight – and thus his own. To be agonisingly indecisive is really to enjoy the ecstasy of all possible opinions.

Unsux reckons to be in love. The Lady wants to go to the theatre, but only two tickets remain. The local drama is about a duel between a comic and a tragic actor. Presumably, the drama we see is a similar fracas. Whom will the Lady choose to escort her? Sux or Unsux? The last scene (in which Philip Voss goes about Olympian isometrics – "Bravo! Just like the tragic hero!" says the damsel) proves to us that the smug still end happily and the wheedling unhappily.

**Roger Lewis**

## Opera
# Superior kitsch with sets to match in a revival with a difference

### La traviata
Covent Garden

The postponement of a promised new production of *Manon* has given the Royal Opera the opportunity to give a revival of *La traviata* with a difference. Michael Rennison, responsible for the staging, has made a study of how things were done in 1967 when the Visconti production was new, and apparently what we see is as close as possible to being a copy. I should be sorry if the curious aesthetic of authenticity were now to descend upon opera production, but it is mildly interesting to be reminded of what caused controversy only 18 years ago: things like a bicycle on the stage in the second act, or a Violetta caught up in the air at the moment of her expiring.

What really distinguishes this production, though, is its more permanent visual aspect: particularly the sets by Nato Frasca done in imitation of Beardsley illustrations. These answer to what there is in the music of superior kitsch, and there is therefore some dissonance with the lively and straight-backed performance of the score conducted by Sir Colin Davis. His refusal to let the phrasing droop even in such lachrymose passages as the introduction to the last act is salutary, and his strict beat does answer to a certain squareness in Mr Frasca's designs, but to avoid vulgarity so strenuously is ultimately to emphasize it by absence.

The cast is led by Ileana Cotrubas, who on Tuesday's opening night became steadily more convincing as the tragedy slowly took its course (and slow it was, punctuated by three long intervals). In the final act consumption gave her the perfect excuse for that blank, white sound she has marvellously retained through 15 years of vocal development: fragile yet perfectly in tune, pure yet firmly projected, strongly suggestive of feeling yet cool as marble.

The newer Cotrubas of the first act was not so uniformly remarkable: indeed, there were moments of strain, inelegancies of phrasing and an unfortunate conclusion to "Sempre libera". Her laughter in this opening scene seemed to be a cover for a lack of consistent character in her singing, and there were problems too in her long scene with Germont after the first interval, chiefly because she and Norman Bailey found it hard to agree on intonation. But the temperament and the passion began to come over much more cuttingly in the party scene, and in the last act she acted as she sang, with absorbing confidence at each moment.

Opposite her Neil Shicoff is not the most golden of Alfredos. Too much of his performance here consisted of mannerisms displayed as if they were new and meant something: a slide up to indicate strength under conditions of emotional strain, a limited range of colours used to offer tokens of ardency, anxiety and sweetness. But like Miss Cotrubas, he did improve after an unpromising first act, though not in time to save much of his long scene at the beginning of the second. Here the phrasing was bumpy, the sound often forced.

As I have already suggested, this is not the happiest of evenings for Norman Bailey as Germont either. Indeed, much of the most characterful and musical singing comes from further down the cast list: from Claire Powell as a creamy Flora, from Roderick Earle as a dark-hued D'Obigny and from Robert Tear as himself as Gastone. These are the threads that fit most comfortably into the tough fabric Sir Colin weaves.

**Paul Griffiths**

Clive Barda



Giorgio (Norman Bailey) with Violetta (Ileana Cotrubas)

● Paul Nicholas is to star as the Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance* opening at the Opera House, Manchester, on March 6.

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| 358 | 175 | Lon Park Hotels | 358 | | 10.5 | 2.9 | 57.7 |
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THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

# Now for a period of entrail study

Crisis? What crisis? was the message which spread from Whitehall along the Thames to the City yesterday – via the Hotel Intercontinental, Geneva, where the Opec ministers cobbled together an agreement to cut the price of a barrel of light crude by only $1, compared with weekend fears of a $2.50 cut.

That set in motion a chain reaction which had the Government's public relations machine jumping to claim that the markets had got it wrong in the past few nerve-jangling days. The pound steadied, which took the pressure off interest rates. Money market rates fell by 1½ percentage points and the Treasury stopped taking deposits for Certificates of Tax Deposits. The significance of that is that the rate of interest on these certificates had been increased only this week, and it was already out of line. New rates will be announced "as soon as possible".

This was just the news the London stock market needed to send share prices sharply higher. They had been rising from the opening, as institutions moved in on the back of a bouyant Wall Street overnight, leading to hopes that big American buyers would continue sending orders across the Atlantic. The jobbers found themselves with their now-familiar shortage of stock, taking the FT 30-share index up 25.5 to 986.7.

At tea-time the Treasury took the opportunity to issue £800 million of short and medium-dated gilt-edged stock at prices implying that interest rates were definitely on their way down. The confident talk in financial circles last night was that the clearing banks would soon be altering their base rates yet again, taking them back the way they had come. This was in sharp contrast to the news agency message on Tuesday morning which spoke of another increase in base rates, sparking off a wave of stock market selling.

But it is worth keeping in mind that yesterday's euphoria was founded almost entirely on the somewhat fragile outcome of the Opec meeting. The Bank of England, for its part, showed a modicum of caution in declining the chance to buy bills from the discount market at "post-Opec" interest rates.

The sayings of the Chancellor and other senior ministers will continue to be examined with more than usual care for some time yet, to discern the direction of economic policy. Next Tuesday sees the next set of money supply figures which are expected to be no better than at the ceiling of target levels. The Chancellor has still to establish the credibility of yesterday's pledge that monetary growth should be kept "well within" its target ranges.

## Throwing the Cork out with the bathwater

The rapid build-up of opposition to automatic disqualification of directors of companies that are compulsory liquidated, orchestrated among others by the Institute of Directors, was clearly going to overwhelm the Government's proposals in the Insolvency Bill. Ministers failed to heed this. As a result, they have been saddled not merely with yet another embarrassing defeat in the House of Lords, but with an accidental wrecking amendment.

The new clause, moved by former Bank of England industrial adviser, Lord Benson, virtually removes the distinction between voluntary and compulsory liquidation which the Trade Department was so anxious to insert in order to minimize compulsory liquidations and save significant public spending. Even worse, it confused the issue of disqualification with that of personal liability of directors for wrongful trading – an imporiant measure to deter abuse of limited liability.

Although it is theoretically possible to impose personal liability on directors for a company's debts if misfeasance is proved, this, like so much else in the law of company malpractice has proved useless. By linking the tests for disqualification and personal liability and putting the burden of proof on the accuser, the new amendment appears to revert to something like the old position.

This could well make a dead duck of the new concept of a civil liability for wrongful trading. The courts might have done that anyway. But it was a strong feature of the Cork report on insolvency law reform, which has already been liberally watered down in the Bill. (Most notably, the Government has retained its role as a privileged creditor at the expense of small creditors who really suffer from company failures).

It will not be easy for the Government to extricate itsel from this mess. But it is important that it should.

## Privatized freighter steams ahead

The employee buyout at the National Freight Consortium three years ago is still regarded by Government ministers as one of the great triumphs so far of the privatization programme. Yesterday's latest annual figures from the group show that it continues to make solid and encouraging progress.

Trading profits have doubled to £23.3 million, turnover is up by 14 per cent, and cash-flow is up by nearly 100 per cent as well, which has allowed NFC to step up its investment and acquisition policy. Two things in particular must give the management under Sir Peter Thompson confidence that the birth pangs of the new private sector enterprise are more or less over. For the first time since privatization, NFC has not had to rely on property sales to make its profits and cover the dividend payments. It now stands on its own two feet as a commercial trading organization.

The second encouraging sign is that it has succeeded in reducing its overly dominant exposure to the British economy. After the purchase of the American furniture delivery operation last summer, the group now has a better geographical spread of businesses. Further moves on the international front are expected. The main blot on the horizon remains the British parcels operation, which plunged deeper into loss last year, to the tune of over £8 million.

In many ways the most intriguing part of yesterday's news, however, was the agenda for next month's annual meeting – and what it tells about how employee share ownership is developing. More than half the group's employees now own shares, with new applicants again outnumbering last year the number of those wishing to sell out (less than four per cent of the total). The latest independent valuation puts the value of each NFC share at £8.60, agaisnt the original £1 buyout price.

Having last simmer appointed its first shareholder-director, NPC is to debate a motion next month that it should now also have its first employee-director on the board as well. The management, Sir Peter admitted yesterday, is divided about the wisdom of such a move, the anti-faction pointing out that experience in other companies has been less than happy. But the employees themselves will decide, with results that will be interesting to observe.

Another interesting debate will be on the extent to which the company should make a contribution to charity as part of its wider corporate obligations. A questionnaire of the workforce last year showed that a narrow majority was in favour of such a move, but only if the sum was less than one quarter of one per cent of the annual profit.

The meeting will therefore be asked to approve charitable donations of up to £30,000 next year – a sum which Sir Peter says he personally regards as too small for a business of NFC's size. The employees appear to have learnt the joys of capitalism, but not yet those to corporate generosity.

# New OFT unit to vet rules of investor protection boards

By Jeremy Warner and Richard Thomson

A unit is to be established at the Office of Fair Trading to vet the rules of the boards and self-regulatory organizations envisaged by the White Paper on investor protection in the City.

Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the OFT, is being given a roving brief in the proposed legislation to check that the rules are no ore restrictive of competition than is necessary for the protection of investors.

In an interview with *The Times* Sir Gordon said this would require a new section of staff at the OFT and extra government funding.

This was one of a number of reactions to the Government's proposals yesterday:

● Mr Timothy Bbevan, chairman of Barclays Bank, said he thought an American style Securities and Exchange Commission woud not be "quite the monumental disster some might think".

● Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, a Birmingham MP and stockbroker, said he thought it wrong that the Bank of England should be given the right to approve the chairman of the main regulatory board and hoped this proposal would be dropped.



Sir Gordon Borrie: "back-stop" on competition issues

● Some unit trust managers were also unhappy with the White Paper proposals on commission payments to brokers by life assurance companies.

Sir Gordon said he saw his future role as more of a "backstop" on competition issues than anything else, and he did not envisage significant conflict developing between the OFT and the self regulatory organizations.

He foresaw a substantial new workload for the OFT in the early years, when it would be examining the regulatory framework for anti-competitive aspects. Thereafter the task would become less exacting as the office confined itself to vetting new rules or dealing with complaints.

He saw his future role as quite different from the fighting stand the OFT adopted towards the Stock Exchange rule book until two years ago. "Then we were putting forward arguments from a partisan viewpoint for examination by the Restrictive Practices Court," he said. "In future we will be doing a balancing act between the competition and regulatory implications of the rules."

Sir Gordon generally welcomed the White Paper, saying that the philosophy of self-regulation within a statutory framework was what the OFT encouraged in other areas of commerce.

Mr Beaumont-Dark made his comments about the Bank of England's role in a letter to Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Industry. He wrote: "However worthy the Governor or any other outside Parliament, the final decision cannot be surrendered to an outsider without setting a dangerous precedent."

There was considerable disquiet among unit trust companies yesterday that the White Paper proposals concerning brokers' commissions did not go far enough.

Mr Adrian Collins managing director of Gartmore Fund Managers, said: "The proposals will make it very difficult for the Marketing of Investments Board to police the commissions paid to brokers."

The White Paper allows life offices to agree to a system of maximum commissions rather than disclosing the exact amount and nature of their commissions.

Mr Collins said: "The nub of the problem is the disclosure of all charges, not just commissions on a policy. People should be aware precisely and clearly and on an equitable basis what charges they are paying on any product. Unit trusts have always been obliged to disclose this. Life offices should be obliged to as well."

There were many ways of paying brokers and salesmen which might not fall within a maximum commissions structure, he said. The MIB would have to be very "street wise" to police this.

# Standard Life buys £155m bank stake

By Philip Robinson

Barclays Bank yesterday sold its 34.3 per cent stake in the Bank of Scotland to Standard Life Assurance for £155 million. The move breaks a 65-year-old link and cements the foundations for Scotland's first financial conglomerate.

The stake was put up for sale late last year. Barclays says it has been mulling it over for 12 months. Bank of Scotland welcomed Standard Life, Scotland's largest life assurance company, as its largest shareholder.

Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, is a member of both the boards of Standard Life and Barclays. Mr James Gammell is a director of both Bank of Scotland and Standard Life. Barclays has two of its directors on the Bank of Scotland board.

Sir Timothy Bevan, Barclays' chairman, said that the bank had only received one offer for its stake and that was from Standard Life. "It was an attractive offer and we dealt", he said. Strategically, it was no longer appropriate for Barclays to hold the stake, he added.

Although held since 1919, Barclays has revalued the stake annually. Last year it was in the books at £122 million.

Analysts estimate the divestment will lift Barclays' capital gearing ratio from 4.4 to 4.7. It had been the low ratio which caused the stock market to speculate recently that a rights issue was imminent. Fears about the rights issue evaporated yesterday as the market price climbed 25p to close at 632p. Bank of Scotland shares jumped 28p before closing up 17p at 489p.

Analysts add that the deal highlights the keen competition in the banking industry and the trend for rivals to disentangle cross-shareholdings.

Standard Life and Bank of Scotland plan an early meeting to discuss areas of mutual benefit. The talks are likely to centre on the marketing of Standard Life indsurance policies by Bank of Scotland

# £189m Hillsdown comes to market

By Alison Eadie

**Hillsdown Holdings, the food company which owns the Buxted Poultry, Daylay and Lockwood and Smedley brands, is coming to market via a tender offer of just under 25 per cent of its shares.**

**At the minimum tender price of 100p, the company, one of the largest privately owned in Britain, is capitalized at £189.2 million.**

**Four years of rapid growth have catapulted Hillsdown into the position of Britain's fourth largest food manufacturer with sales running at £1 billion. Last year's pre tax profits are estimated at £18.8 million compared with £700,000 in 1980.**

**Hillsdown has grown through picking up other companies' rejects and making them profitable through rationalization. In July 1981 it bought Lockwoods canning interests from the receivers for £3.5 million. In April 1982 the eggs, poultry, animal feed and meat trading interests of Imperial Group were bought for £39.2 million.**

**In November 1983, FMC, the largest meat company and bacon curer in Britain, was acquired from the National Farmers Union Development Trust for £4.9 million and in the first half of 1984 Hillsdown picked up Unigate's meat pie business Telfers for a knock-down £1.**

**The flotation will help finance further acquisitions and provide funds for organic expansion. Hillsdown still has no businesses in dairy products, fish, fresh vegetables or fruit. It also wants to expand its distribution network, presently comprising a 700 vehicle fleet, to provide the best fresh food on the doorstep service in Britain.**

**The minimum tender price has been pitched low to give a 1984 p/e ratio, assuming 35 per cent tax, of 13.5. However, Hillsdown pays almost no tax and has accumulated tax losses of £31 million. A striking price of at least 130p is therefore expected.**

## Government 'proof' of pay-job link

By Sarah Hogg

The Treasury has published a study demonstrating what it believes to be the close links between pay increases and jobs. As reported in *The Times* on Monday, this suggests that if the rate of increase in "real wages" – pay rises adjusted for price inflation – were reduced by 2 per cent for a year, employment would increase by about 300,000 after three years.

The paper is entitled "The relationship Between Employment and Wages – Empirical Evidence for the United Kingdom" (HM Treasury, £1). Its main simulation assumes the Government cuts taxes and interest rates to keep the money supply growing as fast as if pay rises had not been reduced.

**Simulated effects of lower pay**

**Percentage change following a 2% cut in real wages**

| | Years | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Real gdp | +0.1 | +0.8 | +0.9 | +0.9 |
| Jobs | +0.1 | +0.7 | +1.3 | +1.4 |
| Prices | −1.0 | −1.5 | −1.9 | −1.8 |
| Real take-home pay | −1.7 | −0.9 | −0.2 | −0.2 |

Source: Treasury

This leads to an increase in output, rising to nearly 1 per cent by the end of four years; a 1.4 per cent increase in employment; a 1.8 per cent reduction in prices, and a gradual narrowing in the reduction in take-home pay, so that by the fourth year employees are virtually as well off in real terms.

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# US trade deficit at $123bn

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The US chalked up a record trade deficit of $123.3 billion (£109.79 billion) for the whole of last year, the Commerce Department announced yesterday.

However, there was a marked improvement in December's trade figures which showed a deficit of only $8.2 billion. This was the smallest monthly shortfall in the year.

Last year's shortfall in the merchandise trade ranging from commodities and raw materials to oil and manufactured goods exceeded the previous high of $69.4 billion in 1983.

The deterioration in the US trade balance last year reflected in large part the impact of the strong dollar, which encouraged imports and did not help American exports. Quick economic expansion in the US also spurred demand for imports.

Imports soared, to $341.2 billion last year, a jump of 26.4 per cent from 1983. Exports totalled $217.9 billion, up 8.7 per cent on 1983.

The Commerce Department report said the US registered a record trade dificit with Japan of $36.8 billion, much larger than the $21.7 billion deficit in 1983.

# Union membership falls

Trade union membership in Britain has continued to decline, according to figures from the Department of Employment.

The figures show that there were 11.338 million union members at the end of 1983, down by 2.2 per cent compared with 1982.

The *Employment Gazette* records that union membership hit a peak of 13.289 million in December 1979. It has since fallen by 14.7 per cent. Only part of this fall is due to declining employment; there was an 8 per cent fall in employment during 1979-83.

In 1983, the 2.2 per cent drop in union membership coincided with a 0.5 per cent employment increase.

## MARKET SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord ..... 986.7 (+25.5)
FT- A All Share ..... 613.69 (+12.34)
FT Govt Securities ..... 79.80 (+0.40)
FT-SE 100 ..... 1,277.3 (+28.0)
Bargains: ..... 26,911
Datastream USM ..... 105.76 (+1.2)
**New York**
Dow Jones ..... 1294.05 (+1.43)
**Tokyo**
Nikkei Dow ..... 11960.63 (+117.56)
**Hong Kong:**
Hang Seng ..... 1755.04 (−3.83)
**Amsterdam:** ..... 195.0 (+2.8)
**Sydney:** AO ..... 764.2 (+5.8)
**Frankfurt:**
Commerzbank ..... 1148.6 (+1.4)
**Brussels:**
General ..... 100.37 (−9.79)
**Paris:** CAC ..... 198.6 (+1.0)
**Zurich:**
SKA General ..... 338.50 (+1.2)

### GOLD

**London fixing:**
am $303 pm $302.90
close $303-$303.50
(£268.75-269.25)
**New York:**
Comex (latest) $303.15

### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

**RISES:**

| | |
|---|---|
| CIFER | 18 +3 |
| English Assoc Gp | 98 +15 |
| Chloride Gp | 35 +5 |
| Espley Trust | 20 +2 |
| Butterfield-Har | 26 +3 |
| Stroud Riley | 53 +5 |
| Victoria Carpet | 32 +3 |
| Microgen Hldgs | 1000 +90 |
| Rockware Gp | 45 +4 |
| Rayford Supreme | 170 +15 |
| Haynes Publng | 340 +30 |
| MS International | 46 +4 |
| Textured Jersey | 71 +6 |
| Weeks Associates | 12 +1 |
| Newman Ind | 18 +1½ |
| Appd Holographics | 185 +15 |
| Blumel Bros | 13⅓ +1 |
| FKI Electricals | 42½ −3 |
| Illingworth Mor | 57 −4 |
| Illingworth Mor "A" | 57 −4 |
| Rothmans Int "B" | 201 −14 |
| Milford Docks | 73 −5 |
| Adam Leisure Gp | 15 −1 |
| Niva (Jersey) Knit | 30 −2 |

**FALLS:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Radio City "A" | 51 −5 |
| A Goldberg | 48 −4 |
| Plastic Const | 55 −4 |

### CURRENCIES

**London:**
£: $1.1265 (+0.0120)
£: DM 3.5675 (+0.0285)
£: SwFr 3.0120 (+0.0445)
£: FFr 10.9045 (+0.0931)
£: Yen 284.70 (+1.40)
£ Index: 71.4 (+0.6)
**New York:**
£: $1.1285
$: DM 3.1670
$ Index: 146.2 (unchanged)
ECU £0.624695
SDR £0.872586

### INTEREST RATES

**London:**
Bank Base: 14
3-month interbank 12⅜ - 12½
3-month eligible bills buying rate 12⅜ - 12⅛
**US:**
Prime Rate 10.50
Federal Funds 8⅝ 3-month Treasury Bills 7.82 - 7.78
Long bond 105¼ - 105¾

## IN BRIEF

### Edwardes challenge

Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman of Dunlop Holdings, has challenged Sir Owen Green to disclose how the BTR chairman intends to use his 28 per cent holding in Dunlop preference shares at next Friday's extraordinary general meeting to consider Dunlop's rescue package.

BTR bought the stake, which would allow it to veto the proposed capital reconstruction, the day before it launched a £33 million takeover for Dunlop. BTR would not comment, but its intentions may emerge from the formal offer document, expected today.

### TSB home loan to cost 15%

The Trustee Savings Bank is raising the mortgage rate for its 60,000 borrowers from 12 to 15 per cent from March 1, confirming the increasing upward pressure on home loans.

The new TSB rate is two per cent above the basic mortgage rate now charged by the large building societies. The bank did not raise its rates when building societies did two weeks ago, but in view of the latest increase in base rates, the TSB has been forced to raise its rate by more.

### Profit rises

W. H. Smith & Son (Holdings) reported pretax profits of £16.8 million for the 26 weeks to December 1, 1984. The Company has changed its accounting date but pretax profits for the comparable six months were £15 million. Sales rose from £466.6 million to £501.4 million. The interim dividend of 1.7p on the A ordinary and 0.34p on the B ordinary shares compare with 1.5p and 0.3p respectively paid at the last 10-month interim stage.

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### Peerless up

Peerless, the light engineering group, has increased pretax profits for the six months to September 30, 1984 from £849,000 to £863,000. Turnover rose to £22.9 million up from £20.6 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 2.1p.

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### Liffe record

A stronger pound, Opec's agreement, and the possibility of lower interest rates generated record volume on the London International Financial Futures Exchange yesterday. Lots traded numbered 23,767 compared with the previous record of 20,876.

Concluding our series, **Patience Wheatcroft** looks at precious metals and stones – assets you can enjoy

# All that glisters is not a good investment




**Precious stones are portable and internationally have held their value better than the pound. They can be converted into local currency in any part of the world. Gold is even more acceptable, but difficult to transport**

## Stones you should leave unturned



Gold and precious stones are hard-wearing, long-lasting and in limited supply. And after centuries of being idolised, it seems unlikely that the gleam of gold and sparkle of diamonds will ever completely lose their appeal to magpie-eyed humans.

"Diamonds will always be a store of wealth for people who have lots of cash", says jeweller Laurence Graff who has made a speciality of selling huge stones to modern maharajahs. Last year it was the Idol's Eye, a 70 carat diamond that went for an enigmatic "millions of dollars". Now he has in his showcase the world's largest flawless blue diamond, for which he has no doubt that someone, almost certainly not British, will pay $7 million.

These stones are special. Their buyers may be entranced by their beauty, but they also expect their rarity to make them good investments. The average *engagement ring may also prove* to be a good investment, but rarely in monetary terms. Investing in precious stones should not be confused with buying jewellery. You can invest in a diamond, but buy a ring and you pay for stone, setting, labour, design and then the retailer's mark-up, of perhaps 100 per cent.

Albert Middlesmass, Christie's expert on jewellery and precious stones, cites this graphic example of the difference between investment value and price. "A current catalogue features a diamond watch", he says. "We worked out the value of the diamonds to between £50,000 and £60,000. But the jeweller wanted, and no doubt got, £204,000." If the proud owner of the vulgar watch had to sell, the price would probably be nearer £50,000 than £204,000.

It is an area where the amateur is entirely at the mercy of the professional. "The difference between a flawless stone and the very next grade is 35 per cent in value", says Laurence Graff. "But I would challenge 90 per cent of jewellers to tell the difference." If your naked eye can't spot the flaw in a diamond, then there are bodies that can help. The Gemological Institute of America will certify the status of a particular stone – its carat, colour, cut etc – and the findings are internationally accepted.

"Investing in precious stones is fraught with pitfalls", says Sotheby's expert on the subject, David Bennet. "And if I were faced with a stone about which I knew nothing, then, over £20,000 I would certainly insist on certification."

The novice buyer has to be even more wary. Forget, for a start, any ideas about buying stones in their raw, uncut state. De Beers, who control more than 80 per cent of the world's *diamond business are very* choosy about whom they allow to see their raw diamonds let alone buy them. And perhaps the amateur should be grateful for that protectionism for, as Laurence Graff says: "The *rough stone is one big illusion.*" Cutting and polishing may prove it to be a particularly beautiful diamond, but it may also reveal it to be less than perfect.

With certification, you can be sure of quality, but never of price – that remains at the whim of the market. Five years ago, investment diamonds were all the vogue and prices rocketed. Then other investments began to appear attractive, too many stones rolled back on to the market, and the prices fell. Today the price of best quality diamonds is just about back to where it was at about $50,000 a carat. Diamond prices, like gold prices, are always quoted in dollars, so if you bought with sterling over the last three years, then the impoverished pound has at least produced a respectable gain for you on paper.

But can those gains be realized? Most investors have to buy their sparklers retail, yet when they sell, be it here or in the back street of a foreign hideaway, they will be lucky to get the wholesale price.



Put your money in diamonds for a rainy day and you are foresaking other, dividend-paying, places for your money. There can be compensations. When Elizabeth Taylor flashed a diamond worth £1½ million, it generated enough publicity for a clever accountant to have ventured the argument that the Burton diamond was a business expense. But for lesser mortals with lesser stones, the return is all in the future.

The Consumers' Association amply demonstrated the dangers of such "hope value" when in 1970, they bought a selection of investment diamonds. Throughout the next decade, they tried to sell the stones, but they did not find jewellers keen to snap up their former favourites and at no stage were they able to sell the stones to show the sort of profit they would have made by just leaving the money in a building society.

The safest investment will be in the rarest stones. Blue and pink diamonds, for instance, have held their price better than the plain white variety. And some other gems are fast catching up. Last June a four and a half carat ruby raised £152,000 at Christie's and fine sapphires are also much in demand.

But if you are tempted to venture into coloured stones, then current advice is to avoid emeralds – there are a few too many still being mined in Colombia.

The great point in favour of gold as an investment is that its value is not, like that of jewels, in the eye of the beholder but published in the *Financial Times* and elsewhere. Gold has a fixed price, determined in London but quoted in dollars. If you have a lump of the finest gold, then weigh it and you know what it is worth. If you turn it into intricate gold chains or fancy bracelets, however, it is still only likely to be worth the value of the gold.

Governments have always found gold hard to resist. Just like individuals who have a few gold sovereigns hidden under the bed – almost everyone in *France has a little bit of gold to* call their own – governments cannot reist putting some of their money where they can see it. At the last count the United States owned nearly 8,000 tonnes of gold – more than seven times what the world mines in a year. The UK has just 600 tonnes, but in a pile it would still look pretty impressive.

*Governments like gold be*cause it is an international currency. The value of the pound or the lire may fluctuate wildly, but gold has an intrinsic value – no one can go out and print more. Over the last decade, the gold price has gone up by a staggering 23 per cent a year on average, double the rate produced by a building society and considerably better than the All Share Index. But that is not to say that you can't go wrong with gold. In 1980 a rush to get hold of gold sent the price to an all time record £371 an ounce. Those who sold at that level are still feeling pleased with themselves and enjoying the comfortable capital gain, but those who bought are still waiting to recoup their losses. For the gold price slumped as dramatically as it had risen and has still to regain its peak.

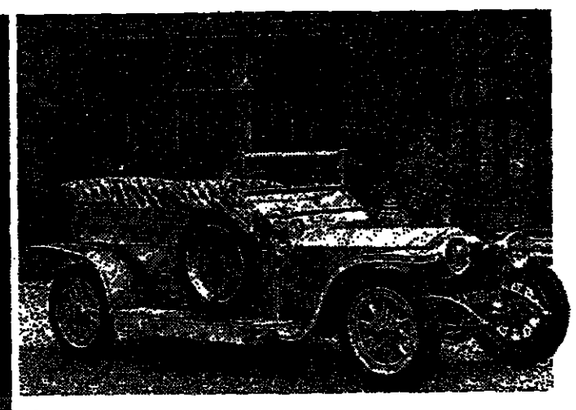
*But what was good for Croesus* and Napoleon has to be viewed in the longer term.

Investment gold is best bought in plain bars from bullion houses, but if you want something less bulky than a kilo block, gold coins are a neat *encapsulation of the gold lust.* The Krugerrand can even be used as currency in South Africa, so if your travels take you to that part of the world, it *has a double attraction.*



If you are buying, Krugerrands will cost you the current price of the gold plus a premium of about eight per cent. Sell it and the premium drops to less than two per cent, the difference making it worthwhile for banks and stockbrokers to bother dealing with the things. On top of the price comes the dreaded VAT. Buy one day and sell the next and you will have notched up a gold-plated loss. Investors have to hold on to their Krugerrands for at least a couple of years before increases in the gold price can bump up the value.

If you decide to carry your portable assets, do take care. They are as attractive to other people as they are to you. The Middle Eastern lady who insisted on carrying all her jewellery in a perfectly ordinary handbag is now minus £1.5 million of her all too easily carried away fortune. She stopped for a drink at Harrods and her handbag left with someone else.



**"When Elizabeth Taylor flashed a diamond worth £1½ million it generated enough publicity to claim as a business expense"**

*Elizabeth Taylor wearing the Burton diamond and (above) a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost*

## Take to the road in a fortune on wheels

**Anyone shrewd enough to buy a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost in the 1950s could now be sitting at the wheel of a small fortune. In those days a presentable pre-1914 Ghost cost no more than a few hundred pounds. But that was before car collecting became a *serious business: once it did*, prices rocketed.**

**Whatever the reasons – be it increasing affluence, nostalgia or the inexplicable whims of fashion – the car-collecting boom took off about 20 years ago and is still accelerating. By the 1960s our Silver Ghost had climbed to £10,000, during the 1970s it reached £60,000 and £70,000 and today a few happy owners are seeing it nudge £100,000.**

**However, a vehicle does not have to be 75 years old to show such spectacular appreciation. The record price for a car sold at an auction in Britian is the £240,000 paid last year by an American for a Bentley Speed Six of the early 1930s. The previous record had been £160,000 for a post-war BRM racing car.**

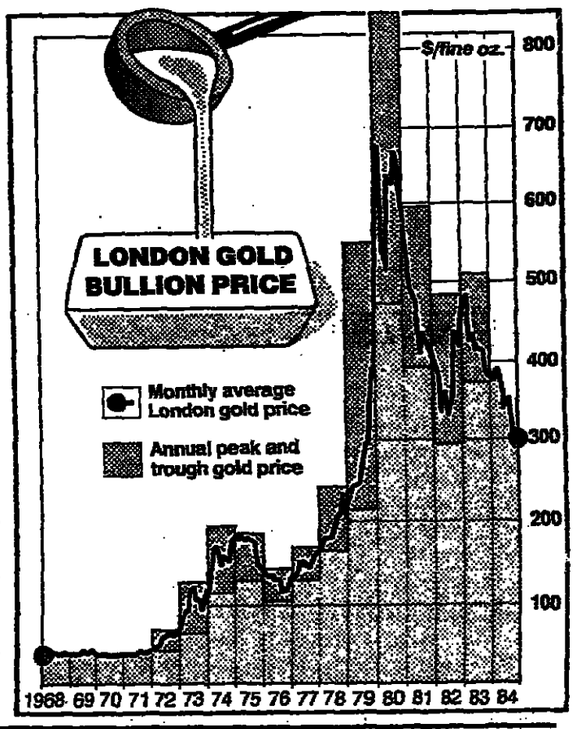
**The twin requirements of a collectable car are that it was made in small numbers and that it *should have the mysterious* charisma which puts it in the realm of the exotic.**

**What is happening, according to Robert Brooks, director of the collectors' car department at Christie's, is that people are buying the models that caught their imagination as youngsters.**

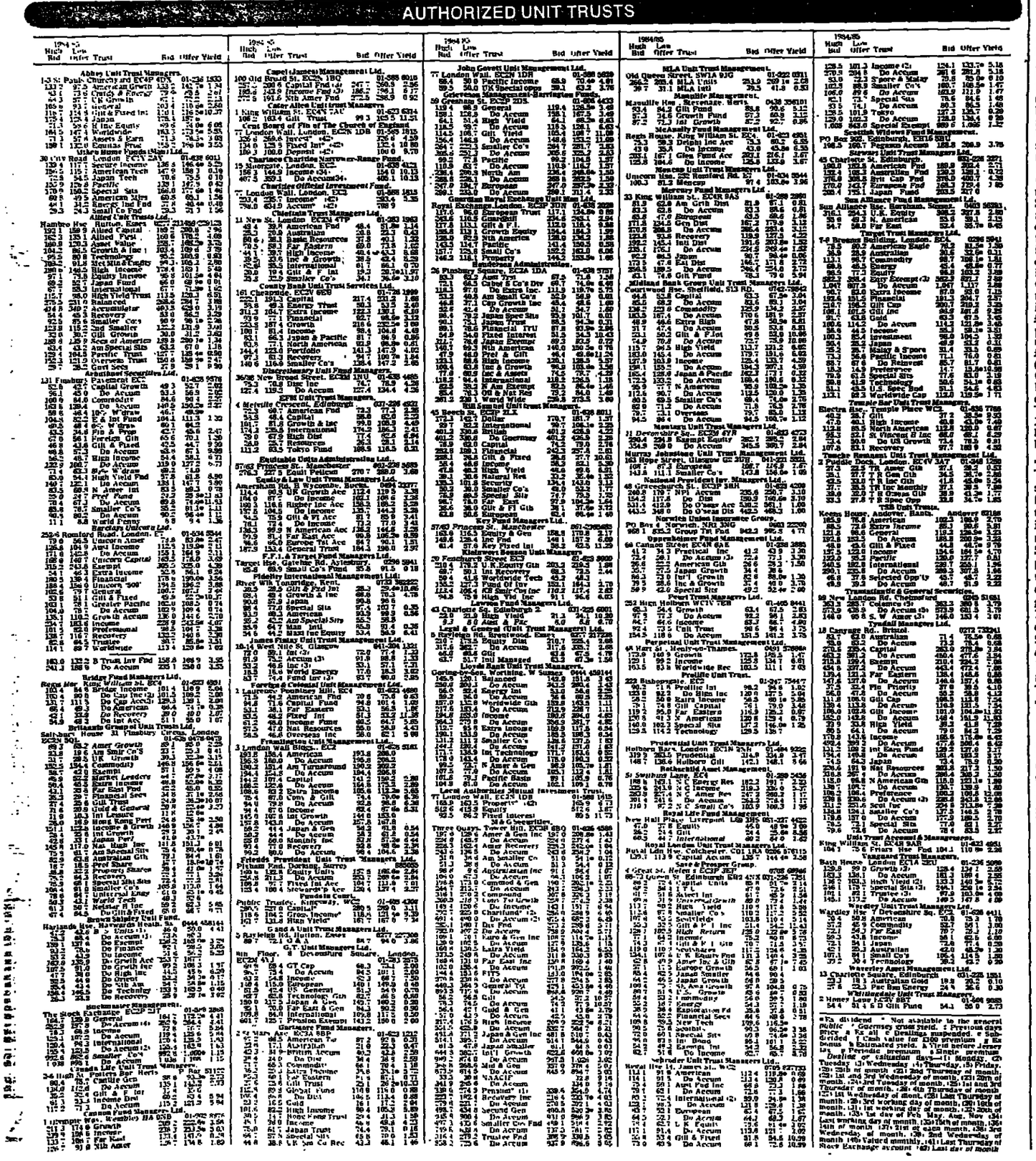
**Today's wealthy businessmen tend to start their collections not from the classics of the veteran and vintage periods but by investing in the cars of the last 30 years.**

**The family saloon does not usually belong in this context but there is one possible exception, the much cherished Morris Minor. Its demise, 14 years ago, is still mourned and it has become the focus of a small but determined cult. Prices as yet are at the modest end, £2,500 or so, but given another 14 years who can say what will happen?**

**Peter Waymark**




## AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS



## COMPANY NEWS

● **MINOIL BECOMES INVESTMENT BANK:** An associate company of Mr Garnet Harrison's Keywest Investments, Minoil Securities (formerly Cliffminex), has started business as an investment bank to *the Australian resource sector.* Keywest holds an 11.9 per cent stake. Brim Australia, an offshoot of Brint Investments of Britain, owns 14.99 per cent.

● **BOWATER INC.** has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, covering a proposed offering of $125 million of sinking fund debentures, due 2015. The First Boston Corporation has been designated to manage the underwriting syndicate.

● **TRENT HOLDINGS:** Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim 0.42p – an increase of 20 per cent. Turnover £2.84 million (£1.6 million.) Pretax profit £258,977 (£195,019), after interest paid £11,624 (£14,686). Tax £89,500 (£32,500). EPS 2.47p (2.50p).

● **HARVEY AND THOMPSON:** Half-year to Dec. 31. Interim dividend 1.5p. (figs in £000). Turnover 699 (676). Trading profit 273 (246). Interest 79 (59). Profit before tax 194 (187). Tax 90 (30). EPS 3.30p (4.99p).

**Thyssen, the West German steel and engineering group, has bounced back from a record loss to achieve the second-best profit in its history and push sales to a new high. For the year to last September, world group pre-tax profits surged to 339 million marks (£97 million) from a loss of 384 million marks. Sales grew to 32.4 billion marks from 28.4 billion marks. The finance director, Herr Heinz-Gerd Stein, who said the company expected still better results in 1984-85, dismissed the idea that the strong dollar was behind Thyssen's turnaround.**

● **THROGMORTON TRUST:** Year to Nov. 30. Final 4.75p, making 7.5p (6.5p). (figs in £000). Revenue from investments 7,536 (7,076). Pretax revenue 5,753 (4,736), after interest and expenses 3,230 (2,695). Tax 1,436 (1,712). EPS 7.60p (5.95). Substantial all-round progress has been made, the board reports.

● **PEERLESS:** Half-year to Sept. 30. Interim dividend 2.1p (same). Turnover – figs in £000 – 22,918 (20,594). Pretax profit 863 (849). Tax 409 (190).

● **ENGLISH ASSOCIATION GROUP:** Half-year to Dec. 31. Interim payment 1p (0.91p). Pretax profit £931,500 (£845,600). Tax £333,900 (£310,200) EPS 3.14p (4.45p): During the half-year, income from all group activities was up to best expectations, the board reports. The directors are continuing to build up a general reserve in line with the increasing profits and expansion of the business and, therefore, a general loan provision of £350,000 (nil) has been made for the half-year.

● **OCEANA CONSOLIDATED:** Half-year to Sept. 30. Total turnover £198,739 (£1.11 million). Pretax profit £140,139 (£1.1 million). Tax £53,142 (£298,173). EPS 2.08p (19.62p). As anticipated last year, the underlying trend in income continues upwards. The profit in 1983-84 included a significant gain from a reduction in Oceana's holding of LRC shares, which was not repeated this year. Since Sept. 30. However, further sales have been made, affecting the results for the full year. All aspects of the company's business are performing well.

● **RANK PRECISION INDUSTRIES:** Year to Oct. 31. Final 170p, making 242p (200p). Turnover – figs in £000 – 57,042 (56,388). Pretax profit 42,651 (36,133).

● **MIDCON CORPORATION:** First quarter to Dec 31. Net income $50.6 million ($40.5 million). Earnings per share – primary $1.68 ($1.36). Mr O. C. Davis chairman, said *the board believes that this* upward trend in income will continue during remainder of the year, although at less dramatic levels.

● **MEAT TRADE SUPPLIERS:** Half-year to Oct 1. Turnover £3.79m (£3.818m). Pretax profit £79,647 (£70,731). Tax £35,641 (36,780). EPS 1.67p (1.29p). The results have been disappointing, due largely to heavier costs on static turnover which was affected by the hot summer, especially in the meat trade itself on Smithfield Market. The interim dividend has been held at 1.75p.

● **LEDA INVESTMENT TRUST:** Second interim 3.5p per income share, making 5.6p (5.04p) for 1984. Gross revenue £490,847 (£435,574). Net revenue after all charges, including tax, £291,341 (£242,644). Net earnings per income share 5.85p (4.87p).

● **CELANESE CORPORATION:** Figures in millions of dollars. Sales for 1984 3,328 (3,261). Income 272 (214), after minorities, 161 (121) and tax, 262 (188). Income per share 10.87 cents (6.89) primary and 10.07 cents (6.52) fully diluted.

● **F PRATT ENGINEERING CORPORATION:** Results for the year to October 31, 1984 final dividend 1.5p (nil). Turnover 9,576 (7,231). Gross profit 2,488 (1,760). Distrib costs 963 (727). Administrative expenses 984 (998). Other operating income 56 (14). Operating profit 597 (49). Interest 272 (306). Pretax profit 325 (loss 257). Tax 118 (33). Extraordinary debits (276). Earnings for share 3.8p (loss 5.3p).

● **UK CORRUGATED and DRG (UK)** have agreed to a merger of corrugated case opeartions in Scotland. UKC's local company UK Corrugated (Scotland) is to acquire *DRG corrugated case business* at Uddingston, Glasgow, for a cash consideration. In addition, DRG will take a 35 per cent shareholding in UK Corrugated (Scotland) which will be renamed UKC Lairds.

● **DANA CORP** has completed the acquisition of Warner Electric Brake and Cluth company by merging a wholly owned subsidiary of Dana into Warner Electric. As a result of the merger Dana owns the entire equity interest in Warner Electric ,which will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dana. All of Warner Electrics outstanding shares have been cancelled.

● **BATH AND PORT-BEAZER:** The board of Beazer has announced that acceptances, net of withdrawals, had been received by 3pm *on January 25 from holders of* 34.038 Bath and Portland group ordinary shares (0.17 per cent) and from holders of 197,000 preferential (39.4 per cent). Acceptances, net of withdrawals, under the offers, together with Beazer and Kent's existing holdings, amount to *4,534,088 Bath ordinary* (about 22.1 per cent) and 197,000 Bath (about 39.4 per cent). The offers have now lapsed.

● **RADIO CITY (SOUND OF MERSEYSIDE):** The chairman said at yesterday's annual meeting that almost four months into the company's current trading period the advertising market remains flat. *As anticipated, revenue at the Beatle* City exhibition centre is below expenditure and will remain so until the spring. Nevertheless there are positive signs. The IBA is starting to respond to pressure to reduce costs.

**Tarmac, the building materials and construction group, is planning to float off Plascom, its *oil and gas exploration* company. A June flotation is being considered, but depends on the health of the worldwide oil market. The flotation will enable Plascom, which is a significant user of capital, to raise money independently of Tarmac. Tarmac will retain a majority stake of around 70 per cent of the increased capital. Plascom has producing interests in the BP Forties and Hewitt Fields.**

● **EAST OF SCOTLAND ONSHORE:** Results for six months to November 30, 1984. Interim 0.65p (same), payable on March 8. (Figures in £000.) Franked income 78 (127). Unfranked 247 (190). Management expenses 85 (59). Pretax profit 240 (258). Tax 95 (106). Earnings per share 1.45p (1.52p). Net assests value per share 67.2p (92p).

## Base Lending Rates

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN Bank | 14% |
| Adam & Company | 14% |
| Barclays | 14% |
| BCCI | 14% |
| Citibank Savings †† | 12% |
| Consolidated Crds | 14% |
| Continental Trust | 14% |
| C. Hoare & Co | *14% |
| Lloyds Bank | 14% |
| Midland Bank | 14% |
| Nat Westminster | 14% |
| TSB | 14% |
| Williams & Glyn's | 14% |
| Citibank NA | 14% |

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 11%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 13%; £50,000 and over, 12%.

### RECENT ISSUES

| | Closing Price |
|---|---|
| Alida Holdings 25p Ord (140a) | 183 |
| Bennett & Fountain 10p Ord (10a) | 12½ |
| CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (108a) | 170 |
| Candover Inv 25p Ord (160) | 205+5 |
| GSC Capital Com Shares NPV | 108+2 |
| Gabbiol Sp Ord (78a) | 81+1 |
| Instem 10p Ord (145a) | 215+5 |
| Kingsley & Forester 20p Ord (92) | 55+4 |
| Kish-Telcik 5p Ord (85a) | 138 |
| Optomarcos (U.S.A.) 1c per value (65pa) | 51+1 |
| PSM Int 25p (140) | 194+8 |
| Penny & Giles 25p Ord (130a) | 150 |
| Process Systems Com Stk ($0.025) | 87 |
| Spectrx Television 25p Ord (68a) | 66+3 |
| Synapse Comp Serv 5p Ord (174a) | 210+6 |
| Wardle Storeys 10p (132) | 218+5 |
| Whitworth's Food 5p Ord (95a) | 120 |
| Williams (R) Leisure 5p Ord (20a) | 22½+1½ |

Issue price in parentheses. a Unlisted Securities. * by tender

STOCK MARKET REPORT

# Shares make an impressive revival

By Derek Pain and Cliff Feltham

Equities and Government stocks staged an impressive revival yesterday. Two days of heavy falls and often near hysteria were forgotton as shares recorded their best one day gain since early June and gilts surged by more than £2½.

At the close the FT 30 share index was at its best level of the day at 986.7 points, up 25.5 points. The more broadly based FT-SE share index was also in exuberant form – up 28 points at 1,277.3 points. The FT gilts index was 79.80 points, a gain of 0.40 points.

The Datastream calculation was that shares increased in value by almost £4.6 billion.

Much or yesterday's enthusiasm stemmed from hopes that the present 14 per cent crisis base rates may be lowered soon. With the Opec oil ministers achieving a surprising and dramatic settlement, sterling perked up and money market interest rates eased.

Wall Street also contributed to the more cheerful atmosphere. It closed on Tuesday at a new peak and when the stock market finished yesterday it seemed to be heading or its 16th consecutive day of gains outscoring losses, its best performance for more than 20 years.

Oil shares surged ahead strongly. British Petroleum led the field, at one time 19p higher at 520p. Britoil, Burmah Oil, Enterprise Oil, Lasmo and Shell were others in form.

Blue chips, which took the brunt of Monday and Tuesday's selling, scored the more dramatic gains. Imperial Chemical Industries, on American buying and thoughts about its dollar earning potential, jumped 30p to 847p at one time before closing a few coppers off its best.

Lucas Industries, up 9p at 274p, was another in demand and other FT 30 index constituents to mmake sharp gains included Boots, Guest Keen and Nettlefolds and Vickers. General Electric Co., on its cash mountain benefits, rose 8p to 208p.

Hanson Trust, now that Powell Duffryn has escaped its clutches, was 3p better at 219p. Powell fell 5p to 388p.

BAT Industries, which has been in strong demand in the United States, gained 18p to 373p. J. Sainsbury, the supermarket chain, rose 6p to 336p as transatlantic interest continued to support the shares.

W. H. Smith, where consortium bid hopes linger, had an eventful day after interim figures. It closed unchanged at 200p.

Hotel shares were strong, helped along by a cheerful review of the London hotel scene by Druce and Co., the estate agent which is part of Hanover Investments. Stakis gained 5p to 179p; Trusthouse Forte 4p to 151p and Norfolk Capital Group 1p to 25p.

Redman Heenan, the troubled engineering group, was suspended at 15p as the company indicated that a restruetuing scheme was on the way.

A key element in the proposals is the sale of the group's test plant operations to Babcock International, up 6p to 162p.

Tootal Group, one of Britain's big four textile companies, rose 2½p to 58p on speculation that the shareholding built up by Entrad, the Australian group, is about to go to Vantona Viyella ahead of a bid for full control. Vantona was 2p better at 280p.

Falcon Resources hit 335p, an 11p gain, on an encouraging drilling report. Tarmac, the construction group, edged 6p higher at 492p as it considers whether to float off its oil and gas interests.

Butterfield-Harvey, the loss-making engineering group on the receiving end of a bid from the US aerospace group Technology Inc, is telling shareholders to sit tight while it shops around for a better deal.

The Butterfield board says it is talking to "other interested parties" to see whether they might be tempted to make an "improved offer".

But the company will not give any clues about the identity of the "white knights".

It is in a difficult position because the Americans own 11 per cent and have options to subscribe for more which could give them control of 55 per cent.

But the news caused a mild flutter in Butterfield's shares, pushing them up 3p to 26p against the 25p bid on the table.

Shares in Applied Holographics, the USM printing machine group, rose 5p to 180p after a boardroom shakeup. There is an operating loss of £96,000, up from £70,000, at the halfway stage and no interim again, but the first of its machines to be installed seems to have found an encouraging response. But the board line-up is changing with the arrival of Mr Ossie Boxall – who sold out his Rapid Data International plastic car company to the Americans – as chairman and managing director.

He says he is there to beef up the company's marketing approach and is predicting a big breakthrough in sales. He says *there has been no row and his* predecessor Mr Simon Rogers is happy to take on a consultancy role.

The gilt market was completely unruffled by the arrival of £800 million of Government stocks and, indeed, continued to move ahead after the announcement.

The stocks are £200 million 10.5 per cent Treasury, 1989; £200 million 12 per cent Treasury, 1995: *£150 million 11* per cent Exchequer, 1989; and £150 million 11.75 per cent Treasury, 1991.

Racal Electronics, which has suffered acute punishment since its disappointing figures on Thursday, managed to recoup just 4p of its losses, rising to 208p.

Microgen, the computer microfilm company, jumped 90p to 1,000p following Tuesday's bumper profits and scrip issue. The company's share performance augers well for Memcom International, coming to market on Monday.

Chloride firmed 5p to 35p on the 14.9 per cent shareholding of Dunlop Olympic, the former Australian off-shoot of Dunlop Holdings.

Banks were lively. Bank of Scotland touched 500p and then relapsed to 489p up 17p, as Barclays Bank sold its 34 per cent shareholding to Standard Life. Barclays was 25p higher at 632p.

Midland Bank, where cash call rumours continue to hover, was 7p better at 339p and Lloyds Bank, regarded as another rights candidate, was 20p better at 569p.

Royal Bank of Scotland, where Lloyds remains a significant shareholder, was 4p harder at 248p.

Union Discount was lifted 40p to 723p by the bigger dividend and increased profits. Britannia Arrow, which made it clear it is not over enthusiastic about the arrival of Guinness Peat, the commodity and banking group, as a significant shareholder, gained 1p to 99p.

The newspaper, sector continued to attract interest. United Newspapers put on 10p at 320p with Fleet Holdings – considered to be its next target – 1p easier at 266p.

There was a 15p improvement at Associated Newspapers at 690p with the Daily Mail Trust pair each 30p ahead at 1078p.

**Mr John Leworthy, chairman of Crystalate, is Far East-bound, shopping for businesses which could provide a stepping-stone to sell his electronics products in Chinese and US markets. But, closer to home, orders from its biggest customer, BT, are still on the sluggish side although trading is going according to budget, indicating £7 million profits in the current year. But the shares, nervous about the company's dependence on BT, shed 6p at 213p.**

**Memcom International, the electronic filing group, will make its USM debut on Monday. Robert Fleming and Co., the merchant banker, and W Greenwell and Co., the stockbroker, have arranged an introduction of the shares which are now traded on the over-the-counter market. The company sought a USM presence 18 months ago but was turned down. It then went o-t-c offering shares at 81p. The price is now 310p. Fleming may eventually trade the shares on its electrical pitch.**

**Shares of Marler Estates touched 145p yesterday, a two-day gain of 14p. Hammersmith and Fulham Council has given permission for the redevelopment of Stamford Bridge, home of London football club Chelsea. With the Stamford Bridge development (offices and homes) valued at £10 million by a rejected consortium offer Marler's asset value is now about 220p a share against last year's 143p.**

TEMPUS

# Union Discount goes ahead in the interest rate game

After a difficult first half last year, Union Discount came up trumps in the second half and disclosed annual profits of £7.94 million compare with £6.12 million in 1983.

The great bulk of this was earned in the second half, especially the final two months, as Union built up its book against a background of falling interest rates. The final period of the year seems to have yielded a bumper crop of gilts profits.

The results sent the shares up 40p to 723p yesterday, although this doubtless owed something to indications that interest rates may now be on the turn. The dividend has been raised by just under 9 per cent to 37p.

Of course, the second half last year provided the right conditions for discount houses to make profits, and the telling aspect of Union's performance is the way it positioned itself ahead of this month's events.

It claims to have foreseen the rises in interest rates, if not the scale of the increase, and the fact that it had reduced its gilt holdings to only £19 million by the year end and kept a large book exceptionally short tends to bear this out.

Indeed, it went a bear of gilts early this month and has been able to slim its book to not much more than one-third of the year-end level of £3 billion. It will not have avoided losing money this month, in common with other houses, but damage limitation is the name of the game when interest rates suddenly rise by 4.5 points.

As for the future, Union hopes to remain independent, and will be applying to become a primary dealer in gilts.

It is already strengthening its gilts team and may inject £15 million to £20 million of capital into a primary dealership, which it says it can comfortably do from its own resources. Arguably this could lead to greater volatility of earnings, although Union certainly has experience in handling the risks.

## WH Smith

Are the rumours about a bid for W H Smith more than just idle speculation? The question must be asked after the market's reaction yesterday to a distinctly unimpressive set of interim results. The shares recovered, after a brief dip, to remain unchanged at 200p, despite the pertax profits being below expectations.

Profits at the trading level *advance by only £1 million and* it was property sales and the share of the recently acquired Yorkshire Television which added a hint of respectability to the £16.8 Million pretax figure, up from £15 million.

It is hard, therefore, to justify the share price on trading grounds. The price had been boosted by talks of a bid and the recent high level of options activity suggests there is more positive news to come.

Takeover talk aside, it is clear that W H Smith, in common with most retailers, has suffered from the lateness of the Christmas rush. Its half year ended on December 1, missing the bonanza which followed.

Margins were also under pressure, particularly on home computers: the indications are that computer sales have reached a plateau. There is no sign of demand declining, but the days of rapid growth are over.

The first-half figures were also depressed by the cost of moving headquarters. The total bill for the year will be about £1 million, split evenly between the two halves but this move will eventually bring annual cost savings of £750,000.

On a more positive note, the Do It All chain made steady progress. It should exceed the £3 million budgeted contribution for the year.

This is one of the company's hopes for internal growth. The wholesale side remains steady but unexciting, and the retail division relies on astute manipulation of sales mix and new stores for its upward momentum. All in all, W H Smith might just be ready for a takeover.

## Peerless

In the barren wilderness of the West Midlands light engineering industry Peerless has battled manfully and with considerable success to overcome the difficulties in the marketplace.

It is particularly galling then, for the management to find that just when it is ready to forge ahead it has a problem in the credit and stock control system at its distribution and marketing subsidiaries. The problems are now firmly under control, but in the first half Peerless had to make a £200,000 provision for bad debts. Pretax profits of £863,000 were, therefore, only marginally up on the previous year.

There may have to be further provisions at the year-end, which will impair profits. However, the business remains fundamentally sound.

The shares slipped 4p to 88p.

## WALL STREET

| | Jan 29 | Jan 28 | | Jan 29 | Jan 28 | | Jan 29 | Jan 28 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMF Inc | 15¾ | 15½ | Exxon Corp | 47 | 45⅞ | Philip Morris | 83⅞ | 82⅛ |
| AMR | 38¼ | 38½ | Fed Dept Stores | 55 | 54⅞ | Phillips Petrol | 47⅛ | 47 |
| Allied Corp | 37⅞ | 37¼ | Firestone | 18⅞ | 18⅛ | Polaroid | 28⅝ | 28⅜ |
| Allied Stores | 52 | 52¾ | Fst Chicago | 24⅝ | 24⅛ | PPG Ind | 36⅝ | 36½ |
| Allis Chalmers | 7⅞ | 7¾ | Fst Intrst Bncp | 46⅞ | 46 | Proctor Gamble | 57½ | 55 |
| Alcoa | 38⅝ | 38¾ | Fst Penn Corp | 7 | 6⅞ | Pub Ser El & Gas | 26⅛ | 26 |
| Amax Inc | 17⅞ | 17¼ | Ford | 48⅝ | 48⅛ | Raytheon | 46⅛ | 45½ |
| Amerada Hess | 25 | 24⅞ | GAF Corp | 28⅛ | 28⅜ | RCA Corp | 38⅝ | 38⅛ |
| Am Brands | 65 | 64⅝ | GTE Corp | 43⅞ | 43⅛ | Reynolds Ind | 74⅛ | 73⅞ |
| Am Broadcast | 65¼ | 65¼ | Gen Corp | 37⅛ | 37⅞ | Reynolds Metal | 38⅛ | 39 |
| Am Can | 55⅞ | 54⅝ | Gen Dynamics | 77¼ | 75⅛ | Rockwell Int | 35⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Am Cyanamid | 54 | 55 | Gen Electric | 64⅝ | 63⅝ | Royal Dutch | 51⅞ | 51 |
| Am Elec Power | 21⅛ | 21 | Gen Foods | 54⅝ | 54 | Safeways | 28⅛ | 28⅛ |
| Am Home | 54⅝ | 54½ | Gen Mills | 55⅛ | 49⅞ | SFE Sopac | 29 | 27⅛ |
| Am Motors | 4⅛ | 4⅛ | Gen Motors | 84⅝ | 83⅞ | SCM | 45⅛ | 45⅛ |
| Am Nat Res | 40¼ | 40⅞ | Gen Pub Util NY | 11⅞ | 11 | Schlumberger | 38⅛ | 38⅛ |
| Am Standard | 34¾ | 34⅞ | Genesco | 8 | 8 | Scott Paper | 35⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Am Telephone | 21⅞ | 21⅛ | Georgia Pacific | 25⅛ | 25⅛ | Seagram | 40⅛ | 40 |
| Armco Steel | 11 | 11 | Gillette | 54⅝ | 55 | Sears Roebuck | 36⅛ | 35⅞ |
| Asarco | 21⅛ | 19⅞ | Goodrich | 29⅛ | 29⅛ | Shell Oil | 55⅛ | 55 |
| Ashland Oil | 28⅛ | 27⅞ | Goodyear | 28⅛ | 27⅛ | Shell Trans | 32 | 31⅞ |
| Atlntc Richfield | 43⅞ | 43⅞ | Gould Inc | 26⅛ | 26⅛ | Signal Co | 35⅛ | 34⅞ |
| Avco | 49⅞ | 49⅞ | Grace | 42⅛ | 42⅛ | Singer | 35⅛ | 35⅛ |
| Avon Products | 22⅞ | 22¼ | Gt Atlc & Pacific | 14⅞ | 15 | Smithkline Beck | 60⅛ | 59⅞ |
| Bankers Tst NY | 62⅝ | 61⅞ | Greyhound | 27⅛ | 27⅛ | Sony | 15⅛ | 15⅛ |
| Bankamerica | 19½ | 19¼ | Grumman Corp | 28⅛ | 27⅛ | Sth Cal Edison | 22⅛ | 22⅛ |
| Bank of Boston | 44⅜ | 45⅜ | Gulf & West | 32⅛ | 32⅛ | Sperry Corp | 47⅛ | 47⅛ |
| Bank of NY | 39⅝ | 38⅞ | Heinz H. J. | 41⅛ | 41⅛ | Std Oil Indiana | 56 | 58⅛ |
| Beatrice Foods | 29⅞ | 29¼ | Hercules | 36⅛ | 36⅛ | Std Oil Ohio | 42⅛ | 42⅛ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 19⅞ | 19⅞ | Honeywell | 62⅛ | 61⅛ | Sterling Drug | 29⅛ | 28⅞ |
| Boeing | 62 | 62¼ | IC Inds | 33⅛ | 31⅛ | Stevens J. P. | 18⅞ | 19 |
| Boise Cascade | 42⅞ | 42 | Ingersoll | 48⅛ | 47⅛ | Sun Comp | 46⅛ | 45⅛ |
| Borden | 64 | 63¾ | Inland Steel | 25⅛ | 24⅞ | Teledyne | 265⅛ | 266⅛ |
| Borg Warner | 24⅞ | 24⅞ | IBM | 136⅛ | 134⅛ | Tenneco | 39⅛ | 39⅛ |
| Bristol Myers | 54⅝ | 53⅞ | Int Harvester | 10⅛ | 10⅛ | Texaco | 34⅛ | 34⅛ |
| BP | 22⅞ | 22¼ | INCO | 13⅛ | 13⅛ | Texas East Corp | 30⅛ | 29⅛ |
| Burlington Ind | 28 | 27⅞ | Int Paper | 55⅛ | 56⅛ | Texas Inst | 130 | 129⅛ |
| Burlington Nthn | 58⅞ | 58⅞ | Int Tel Tel | 31⅛ | 31⅛ | Texas Utilities | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Burroughs | 63⅝ | 62⅞ | Irving Bank | 34⅛ | 34⅛ | Textron | 38 | 38 |
| Campbell Soup | 61½ | 61¼ | Jim Walter | 36 | 36⅛ | TWA | 34 | 32⅛ |
| Canadian Pacific | 41¼ | 41⅞ | Johnson & John | 38 | 37⅛ | Travelers Corp | 41⅛ | 40⅛ |
| Caterpillar | 34¼ | 33⅝ | Kaiser Alumin | 18⅛ | 18⅛ | TRW Inc | 79⅛ | 79⅛ |
| Celanese | 66⅞ | 65⅞ | Kerr McGee | 29 | 29⅛ | UAL Inc | 46⅛ | 46⅛ |
| Central Soya | 18⅛ | 18¼ | Kimberly Clark | 47⅛ | 47⅛ | Union Carbide | 39⅛ | 37⅛ |
| Champion | 24¼ | 24 | K Mart | 35⅛ | 35⅛ | Unocal | 38⅛ | 39 |
| Chase Manhat | 50⅞ | 50⅞ | Kroger | 39⅛ | 38 | Un Pacific Corp | 47⅛ | 45⅛ |
| Chem Bank NY | 38 | 37⅞ | L.T.V. Corp | 11⅛ | 11⅛ | Uniroyal | 15⅛ | 16 |
| Chevron | 32⅞ | 31⅞ | Litton | 72⅛ | 72 | United Brands | 12⅛ | 12⅛ |
| Chrysler | 33⅝ | 34 | Lockheed | 48 | 48⅛ | US Steel | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Citicorp | 43⅝ | 43⅞ | Lucky Stores | 18⅛ | 18⅛ | Utd Technol | 42⅛ | 42 |
| Clark Equip | 31 | 30 | Manuf Hanover | 37⅛ | 37⅛ | Wachovia | 32⅛ | 33⅛ |
| Coca Cola | 61¼ | 61⅞ | Manville Cp | 6⅛ | 6⅛ | Warner Lambert | 36⅛ | 37⅛ |
| Colgate | 25⅞ | 25⅞ | Mapco | 28⅛ | 28⅛ | Wells Fargo | 52⅛ | 52⅛ |
| CBS | 76⅞ | 77⅝ | Marine Midland | 31⅛ | 31⅛ | Westinghse Elec | 30⅛ | 30⅛ |
| Columbia Gas | 32¼ | 32 | Martin Marietta | 48⅛ | 48⅛ | Weyerhaeuser | 33⅛ | 32⅛ |
| Combustion Eng | 34⅞ | 34⅞ | McDonnell | 75 | 75 | Whirlpool | 48 | 47⅛ |
| Comwlth Edison | 27⅝ | 27⅞ | Mead | 37⅛ | 37⅛ | Woolworth | 41⅛ | 41⅛ |
| Cons Edison | 30⅞ | 30 | Merck | 93⅛ | 93⅛ | Xerox Corp | 43⅛ | 43 |
| Cons Foods | 32 | 31⅞ | Minnesota Mng | 83⅛ | 83⅛ | Zenith | 24⅛ | 24⅛ |
| Cons Power | 5⅞ | 5½ | Mobil Oil | 27⅛ | 27⅛ | **CANADIAN PRICES** | | |
| Control Data | 36⅞ | 36⅞ | Monsanto | 44⅛ | 44⅛ | Abitibi | 34 | 33⅛ |
| Corning Glass | 73⅞ | 73⅝ | Morgan J. P. | 43⅛ | 43⅛ | Alcan Alumin | 41⅛ | 40⅛ |
| CPC Intl | 39⅞ | 39⅞ | Motorola | 38 | 39 | Algoma Steel | 22⅛ | 21⅛ |
| Crane | 33⅞ | 33 | NCR Corp | 28⅛ | 28⅛ | Bell Telephone | 37⅛ | 37⅛ |
| Crocker Int | 26⅞ | 25⅞ | NL Industries | 11⅛ | 11⅛ | Can Pacific | 55 | 54⅛ |
| Crown Zeller | 35 | 34⅞ | Nabisco | 56⅛ | 56⅛ | Cominco | 14 | 13⅛ |
| Dart & Kraft | 67⅞ | 66⅞ | Nat Distillers | 26⅛ | 26⅛ | Cons Bathurst | 17⅛ | 17⅛ |
| Deere | 32¼ | 32⅞ | Nat Med Ent | 25⅛ | 25⅛ | Gulf Oil | 17⅛ | 17 |
| Delta Air | 44⅞ | 44⅞ | Norfolk South | 64⅛ | 64⅛ | Hawker/Sid Can | 20⅛ | 19⅛ |
| Detroit Edison | 15⅝ | 15⅝ | NW Bancorp | 25⅛ | 25⅛ | Hudson Bay Mn | 7 | 7 |
| Digital Equip | 121⅞ | 119⅞ | Occidental Pet | 28⅛ | 28⅛ | Imasco | 50⅛ | 50 |
| Disney | 70⅞ | 69⅞ | Ogden | 30⅛ | 29⅛ | Imperial Oil | 45 | 46 |
| Dow Chemical | 30⅝ | 29⅞ | Olin Corp | 34 | 33⅛ | Int Pipe | 34⅛ | 35 |
| Dresser Ind | 19⅞ | 19⅞ | Owens-Illinois | 42 | 41⅛ | Mass.-Fergsn | 3.00 | 3.75 |
| Duke Power | 29⅞ | 29⅞ | Pacific Gas Elec | 18⅛ | 18⅛ | Royal Trustco | 18 | 17⅛ |
| Du Pont | 51⅞ | 50⅞ | Pan Am | 4⅛ | 4⅛ | Seagram | 53¼ | 53¼ |
| Eastern Air | 4⅞ | 4⅞ | Penney J. C. | 51 | 50⅛ | Steel Co | 23⅛ | 23⅛ |
| Eastman Kodak | 74⅞ | 73⅞ | Pennzoil | 42⅛ | 41⅛ | Thomson N 'A' | 53 | 53¼ |
| Eaton Corp | 59⅞ | 58⅞ | Pepsico | 43⅛ | 42⅛ | Walker Hiram | 27⅛ | 27 |
| Emerson Elect | 76⅞ | 75⅞ | Pfizer | 41⅛ | 39⅛ | WCT | 15⅛ | 15⅛ |
| Evans Prod | 4⅞ | 4 | Phelps Dodge | 18⅛ | 17⅛ | | | |

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## Dow in early setback

**New York (AP-Dow Jones) shares were broadly higher, with the blue chips pulling back, in early trading yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 0.77 to 1,291.85 at one stage.**

**Advancing issues were 3 to 1 ahead of declines. Volume was heavy with first-hour total at 57 million shares, the fifth heaviest on record.**

**Mr Alfred W. Harris, senior vice-president, research, at Josephthal, said the advance was a "continuation of the euphoria that developed in Tuesday's push to a new high." He added: "There is increasing sentiment in Wall Street that was not visible a month or two ago that inflation is the key and is going to stay down."**

**The strength will continue "as long as inflation is kept within bounds. Stocks are going to work back toward higher valuations for company earnings."**

**Mr Harris remarked: "The market is looking at a psychological barrier at 1,300. But over the near term the market should work considerably higher even if there are pauses along the way."**

**International Business Machines was up ½ at 137¼, General Motors unchanged at 84⅝, General Electric up ¼ at 65, Exxon up ⅜ at 47⅝, Boeing up ¾ to 62¾, Data General up 1¼ to 71¾, Teledyne down ¾ to 165.**

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| | Open | High | Low | Close | Est Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Three Month Sterling** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 87.30 | 88.30 | 87.11 | 88.29 | 4534 |
| Jun 85 | 88.05 | 89.05 | 88.05 | 89.05 | 700 |
| Sep 85 | 88.85 | 89.30 | 88.70 | 89.30 | 150 |
| Dec 85 | 89.40 | 89.65 | 89.45 | 89.90 | 25 |
| Mar 86 | 89.35 | 89.35 | 89.35 | 89.80 | 5 |
| Previous day's total open interest 6307 | | | | | |
| **Three Month Eurodollar** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 91.33 | 91.35 | 91.28 | 91.33 | 3902 |
| Jun 85 | 90.83 | 90.89 | 90.80 | 90.83 | 1255 |
| Sep 85 | 90.29 | 90.34 | 90.27 | 90.31 | 289 |
| Dec 85 | 89.83 | 89.88 | 89.82 | 89.87 | 98 |
| Mar 86 | 89.46 | 89.47 | 89.46 | 89.49 | 28 |
| Previous day's total open interest 13114 | | | | | |
| **US Treasury Bond** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 73-31 | 74-06 | 73-22 | 73-27 | 3297 |
| Jun 85 | | | | 72-27 | |
| Sep 85 | NT | | | | |
| Dec 85 | NT | | | | |
| Previous day's total open interest 1941 | | | | | |
| **Long Gilt** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 102-25 | 104-24 | 102-25 | 104-22 | 7921 |
| Jun 85 | 103-23 | 103-23 | 103-22 | 104-22 | 2 |
| Sep 85 | NT | | | 108-02 | 0 |
| Dec 85 | NT | | | 107-25 | 0 |
| Sep 85 | | | | | |
| Previous day's total open interest 8099 | | | | | |
| **FT-SE 100** | | | | | |
| Mar 85 | 127.30 | 128.25 | 126.15 | 128.15 | 858 |
| Jun 85 | 126.80 | 128.15 | 126.80 | 128.40 | 13 |
| Mar 86 | 128.85 | 128.85 | 128.85 | 128.80 | 1 |
| Previous day's total open interest 1096 | | | | | |

## COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

| RUBBER | |
|---|---|
| Feb | 655–615 expired |
| Mar | 665–625 |
| Apr | 675–635 |
| May | 685–645 |
| Jun | 695–655 |
| Jly | 705–665 |
| Aug | 715–675 |
| Oct | 735–695 |
| Apr/Jun | 685–645 |
| Jul/Sep | 715–675 |
| Oct/Dec | 745–705 |
| Vol: 2 at five tonnes | |

| SUGAR | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 124.0–23.8 |
| May | 131.0–30.8 |
| Aug | 139.0–38.8 |
| Oct | 145.8–45.6 |
| Dec | 153.0–52.0 |
| Mar | 167.0–66.0 |
| May | 174.0–73.0 |
| Vol: 1,432 | |

| COCOA | |
|---|---|
| Mar | 2179–8 |
| May | 2197–96 |
| Jly | 2191–90 |
| Sep | 2185–84 |
| Dec | 2050–48 |
| Mar | 2038–30 |
| May | 2040–10 |
| Vol 315/9562 | |

| COFFEE | |
|---|---|
| Jan | 2333–25 |
| Mar | 2355–52 |
| May | 2380–76 |
| Jul | 2395–92 |
| Sep | 2395–92 |
| Nov | 2412–08 |
| Jan | 2400–2390 |
| Vol: 1079/4441 | |

| GAS OIL | |
|---|---|
| Jan | 239.50–34.00 |
| Feb | 224.75–24.50 |
| Mar | 216.25–16.00 |
| Apr | 211.25–11.00 |
| May | 209.25–09.00 |
| Jne | 209.00–08.00 |
| Jly | 209.50–05.00 |
| Aug | 213.75–06.00 |
| Sep | 220.00–08.00 |

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices: Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

| | |
|---|---|
| **COPPER HIGH GRADE** | |
| Cash | 1262.00–1263.00 |
| Three months | 1280.50–1281.00 |
| T/O | 11,250 |
| **STANDARD CATHODES** | |
| Cash | 1250.00–1252.00 |
| Three months | 1269.00–1270.00 |
| T/O | 150 |
| Tone Quiet | |
| **TIN STANDARD** | |
| Cash | 9801–9802 |
| Three months | 9855–9860 |
| T/O | 395 |
| Tone: Firmer. | |
| **TIN HIGH-GRADE** | |
| Cash | 9885–9905 |
| Three months | 9875–9885 |
| T/O | 240 |
| **LEAD** | |
| Cash | 363.00–364.00 |
| Three months | 348.00–348.50 |
| T/O | 6,550 |
| **ZINC STANDARD** | |
| Cash | 734.00–736.00 |
| Three months | 734.00–735.00 |
| T/O | 2,200 |
| **ZINC HIGH GRADE** | |
| Cash | 780.00–790.00 |
| Three months | 774.00–779.00 |
| T/O | Nil |
| Tone Idle | |
| **SILVER LARGE** | |
| Cash | 549.0–551.0 |
| Three months | 566.0–567.5 |
| T/O | 20 |
| **SILVER SMALL** | |
| Cash | 549.0–551.0 |
| Three months | 566.0–567.5 |
| T/O | Nil |
| Tone Idle | |
| **ALUMINIUM** | |
| Cash | 974.00–975.00 |
| Three months | 1005.00–1006.00 |
| T/O | 10,050 |
| **NICKEL** | |
| Cash | 4565–4570 |
| Three months | 4560–4565 |
| T/O | 1,476 |

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.
Apl 306.50–307.10
Vol 177
Tone. Quiet.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 30:
GB: Cattle, 94.84p per kg lw (-1.74)
GB: Sheep, 157.88p per kg est d c w (-10.79)
GB: Pigs, 76.18p per kg lw (-3.03)
England and Wales:
Cattle nos down 18.3 per cent, ave price 95.27p (-1.64).
Sheep nos down 5.0 per cent, ave price 157.99p (-11.37).
Pig nos down 8.0 per cent, ave price 76.18p (-3.03).
Scotland:
Cattle nos down 11.6 per cent, ave price 92.84p (-2.00).
Sheep nos down 8.9 per cent, ave price 156.80p (-5.58).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

| Month | Wheat Close | Barley Close |
|---|---|---|
| Mar | £111.90 | £113.15 |
| May | £116.20 | £116.05 |
| Jly | £118.35 | – |
| Sep | £97.60 | £97.60 |
| Nov | £100.90 | £100.75 |
| Total lots traded | | |
| Wheat | 159 | |
| Barley | 143 | |

## APPOINTMENTS

Cummins Engine Co: Mr J. C. (Euan) Macfarlane has been made vice-president, United Kingdom.

Bespak: Mr Robert H. King has become deputy chairman.

Turner & Newall: Mr Colin Hope has been appointed group managing director.

Telford Development Corporation: Mr R. A. H. Lloyd, has been reappointed to the board.

Stroud Riley Drummond: Mr Mark Dickson has been made group managing director.

Cheshire Building Society: Mr Clifford L. Arundale retires from the board on April 22. Mr Derek B. Jennings will become chairman.

Vanderhoff Communications: Mr Ted Stocker becomes chairman. Mr Graham Powell is made managing director. Mr Richard Hargrave is appointed sales and marketing director and Mr Martyn Fray is made financial director.

Unionamerican Insurance Co: Mr John H. Loynes and Mr Nigel R. H. O. Harley have been made directors on the resignation of Mr William F. W. Fellows and Mr William D. Warren. Following Mr Warren's retirement, Mr Andrew J. G. Banks, managing director, becomes chairman.

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 189 | 119 | Aberdeen | 189 | .. | 7.5 | 4.4 | .. |
| 96 | 56 | Alba | 94 | ● +2 | 2.0b | 2.1 | .. |
| 630 | 456 | Alliance | 630 | +10 | 20.7 | 3.3 | .. |
| 141 | 88½ | Alva | 141 | +5 | 3.6 | 2.6 | . |
| 288 | 218 | Ang Amer Sec | 288 | +4 | 7.4 | 2.7 | .. |
| 417 | 310 | Ashdown | 414 | .. | 11.7 | 2.8 | .. |
| 103 | 75 | Atlantic Assets | 103 | +4 | 0.7 | 0.7 | .. |
| 93 | 67 | Bankers | 93 | ● +2 | 3.5b | 3.8 | .. |
| 182 | 130 | Berry | 182 | +4 | 1.4 | 0.8 | .. |
| 165 | 117 | Border & Stern | 163 | +4 | 4.7 | 2.9 | .. |
| 104 | 79 | Br Amer Gen | 103 | .. | 3.7 | 3.5 | .. |
| 207 | 140½ | Br Assets | 207 | ● +3 | 9.7b | 4.7 | .. |
| 30½ | 20½ | Br Empire Sec | 29½ | .. | 1.3 | 4.4 | .. |
| 343 | 281 | British Inv | 338 | .. | 18.5b | 5.4 | .. |
| 72 | 55 | Brunner | 72 | +2 | 2.9 | 4.0 | .. |
| 78 | 60 | Charter Agency | 77 | .. | 3.1b | 4.0 | .. |
| 585 | 418 | Continental | 580 | ● +6 | 25.7b | 4.5 | .. |
| 178 | 125 | Crescent Japan | 165 | +1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | .. |
| 400 | 275 | Delta | 400 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 109 | 80 | Derby Inc | 102 | ● –3 | 10.2 | 10.9 | .. |
| 104 | 80 | Do Cap | 101 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 287 | 241 | Drayton Cons | 284 | +6 | 12.7 | 4.5 | .. |
| 148 | 88 | Drayton Far East | 147 | +1 | 1.2 | 0.8 | .. |
| 410 | 232 | Drayton Japan | 404 | +4 | 1.4 | 0.4 | .. |
| 395 | 256 | Drayton Premier | 392 | +3 | 16.4 | 4.2 | .. |
| 170 | 140 | Dundee Lon | 168 | +1 | 6.7 | 4.0 | .. |
| 214 | 148 | Edin Amer Asset | 214 | +8 | 1.3 | 0.6 | .. |
| 110 | 87 | Edinburgh | 108 | .. | 3.7 | 3.4 | .. |
| 276 | 210 | Electric Gen | 274 | ● +4 | 4.6b | 1.7 | .. |
| 242 | 192 | English Int | 241 | +5 | 9.6b | 4.0 | .. |
| 75 | 52 | English Scot | 73 | .. | 1.6b | 2.2 | .. |
| 97 | 69 | English NY | 87 | +2 | 3.3 | 3.4 | .. |
| 92 | 69 | F & C Alliance | 92 | +2 | 2.4 | 2.6 | .. |
| 157 | 117 | F&C Pacific | 154 | +1 | 5.0b | 3.2 | .. |
| 204 | 162 | Family | 204 | +6 | 9.4 | 4.6 | .. |
| 265 | 194 | First Scot Amer | 255 | –2 | 8.6b | 3.4 | .. |
| 245 | 160 | First Un Gen | 160 | ● .. | 8.7 | 5.5 | .. |
| 547 | 342 | Fleming American | 547 | +12 | 6.1 | 1.1 | .. |
| 260 | 185 | Fleming Claver | 258 | ● +6 | 12.4 | 4.8 | .. |
| 258 | 180 | Fleming Enterprise | 256 | +8 | 10.4 | 4.1 | .. |
| 319 | 225 | Fleming Far East | 308 | +4 | 2.8 | 0.9 | .. |
| 105 | 83 | Fleming Fledgling | 102 | .. | 3.2 | 3.1 | .. |
| 556 | 369 | Fleming Japan | 548 | +3 | 4.5 | 0.8 | .. |
| 117 | 90 | Fleming Mercantile | 112 | +1 | 4.0 | 3.5 | .. |
| 126 | 82 | Fleming Overseas | 123 | ● +4 | 3.3b | 2.7 | .. |
| 159 | 115¾ | Fleming Tech | 157 | ● +3 | 3.1 | 2.0 | .. |
| 315 | 215 | Fleming Universal | 313 | +8 | 9.6 | 3.1 | .. |
| 142 | 99 | For Col | 141 | +2 | 3.6 | 2.5 | .. |
| 181 | 120 | GT Japan | 174 | +1 | 2.0b | 1.1 | .. |
| 578 | 433 | General Funds | 578 | +5 | 12.9 | 2.2 | .. |
| 253 | 184 | General Cons | 253 | +2 | 13.1 | 5.2 | .. |
| 117 | 77 | Glasgow Stock | 116 | +1 | 3.6 | 2.3 | .. |
| 257 | 197 | Globe | 254 | ● +9 | 12.9 | 4.9 | .. |

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 215 | 176 | Greenfriar | 211 | +3 | 2.3 | 3.1 | .. |
| 275 | 167½ | Gresham House | 270 | .. | 5.7 | 2.1 | . |
| 150 | 114 | Hambros | 150 | +3 | 5.4 | 3.6 | .. |
| 247 | 187 | Hill (P) | 247 | +3 | 13.2 | 5.3 | .. |
| 525 | 380 | Invest in Success | 525 | +7 | 7.5 | 1.4 | .. |
| 225 | 182 | Inv Cap | 228 | +4 | 5.1 | 2.3 | .. |
| 64½ | 43 | Japan Assets | 61 | a –½ | 0.1 | 0.1 | .. |
| 304 | 215 | Lake View | 300 | +5 | 8.4 | 2.1 | .. |
| 178 | 130 | Law Debenture | 173 | .. | 7.1b | 4.1 | .. |
| 85 | 64 | Lon Merchant Sec | 71 | ● .. | 2.8 | 3.9 | .. |
| 100 | 71 | Lon Trust | 98 | +1 | 3.9 | 4.1 | .. |
| 95 | 79 | Mercantile | 92 | +1 | 4.0b | 4.3 | .. |
| 167 | 121 | Monks | 164 | ● +1 | 3.4b | 2.1 | .. |
| 113½ | 85 | Murray Income | 113 | ● +1½ | 6.4 | 5.7 | .. |
| 98 | 67 | Murray Growth | 92 | .. | 2.0 | 2.2 | .. |
| 124 | 86 | Murray Int | 124 | +2 | 4.3 | 3.5 | .. |
| 182 | 122 | Murray Small | 177 | +1 | 3.3 | 1.9 | .. |
| 284 | 225 | Murray Venture | 280 | +1 | 8.3 | 2.2 | . |
| 393 | 303 | New Court | 385 | –6 | 20.4 | 5.3 | .. |
| 73 | 58 | New Darien Oil | 71 | +1 | 0.4e | 0.5 | .. |
| 177 | 138 | 1928 | 173 | +4 | 7.9 | 4.6 | .. |
| 43 | 34 | [illegible] Inc 89 | 37½ | .. | 3.3 | 8.8 | . |
| 378 | 258 | New Tokyo | 363 | +1 | 2.1 | 0.6 | .. |
| 306 | 222 | Nth Atlantic Sec | 302 | +2 | 4.6 | 1.5 | .. |
| 135 | 108 | Nth Sea Assets | 117 | –2 | 0.7 | 0.6 | .. |
| 265 | 208 | Nthn Amer | 263 | –1 | 7.7 | 2.9 | .. |
| 137 | 97 | Outwich | 132 | .. | 4.1 | 3.1 | .. |
| 37 | 24 | Personal Assets | 36 | .. | 0.6 | 1.8 | .. |
| 324 | 243 | Raeburn | 317 | ● –4 | 13.6 | 4.3 | .. |
| 132 | 93 | River & Merc | 129 | +1 | 6.4 | 5.0 | .. |
| 207 | 158 | River Plate | 206 | .. | 9.3b | 4.5 | .. |
| 187 | 138 | Robeco | 185 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 170 | 127 | Rolinco | 163 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 255 | 185 | Romney | 247 | +6 | 8.3 | 2.5 | .. |
| 11⅛ | 9¼ | Rorento | £11 | +⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 306 | 227 | St Andrews | 305 | .. | 11.0 | 3.6 | .. |
| 285 | 191 | Scottish | 280 | ● +4 | 7.4 | 2.8 | .. |
| 225 | 174 | Scot American | 216 | –2 | 7.2 | 3.3 | .. |
| 158 | 117 | Scot Eastern | 155 | +2 | 5.0 | 3.2 | .. |
| 385 | 270 | Scot Mtge | 383 | +1 | 9.7b | 2.6 | .. |
| 229 | 168 | Scot Nat | 227 | +2 | 6.1 | 2.7 | .. |
| 129 | 92½ | Scot Nthn | 126 | +3 | 4.7 | 3.7 | .. |
| 378 | 285 | Scot Merc 'A' | 378 | +5 | 11.0 | 2.9 | .. |
| 582 | 384 | Second Alliance | 552 | +4 | 17.9 | 3.2 | .. |
| 119 | 84 | Sec Of Scotland | 117 | +1 | 5.3b | 4.5 | .. |
| 71 | 51 | Smaller Cos | 70 | +1 | 2.2 | 3.2 | .. |
| 38 | 32½ | Stewart Enterp | 33 | –1 | 0.6 | 1.7 | .. |
| 139 | 95 | Stockholders | 139 | +2 | 3.4 | 2.4 | .. |
| 111 | 75 | Tr Australia | 94 | +2 | 2.9 | 3.0 | .. |
| 84 | 59 | Tr City Of Lon Dfd | 81 | ● +1 | 4.4b | 5.5 | .. |

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 150 | 121 | Tr Ind & Gen | 148 | +3 | 4.8b | 3.3 | .. |
| 260 | 201 | Tr Natural Res | 248 | .. | 10.7 | 4.4 | .. |
| 204 | 130 | Tr North America | 204 | +5 | 4.9b | 2.4 | .. |
| 289 | 192 | Tr Pacific Basin | 288 | +4 | 2.8b | 1.0 | .. |
| 140 | 107 | Tr Property | 138 | +2 | 4.7 | 3.5 | .. |
| 97 | 69 | Tr Tech | 97 | +2 | 2.4 | 2.4 | .. |
| 133 | 88 | Tr Trustees | 131 | ● +2 | 4.9 | 3.7 | .. |
| 118 | 85 | Temple Bar | 117 | +2 | 6.2b | 5.3 | .. |
| 238 | 169 | Throgmorton | 238 | +7 | 9.3 | 4.0 | .. |
| 273 | 211 | Throg Secured Cap | 250 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| 158 | 123 | Trans Oceanic | 155 | ● .. | 4.8 | 2.9 | .. |
| 117 | 80 | Tribune | 116 | +1 | 2.8 | 2.4 | . |
| 81 | 67½ | Triplevest Inc | 77½ | +½ | 12.4 | 16.1 | .. |
| 206 | 153 | US Debenture | 200 | +3 | 9.3 | 4.7 | .. |
| 99 | 73 | Viking Resources | 75 | +2 | 1.6 | 2.1 | .. |
| 76 | 53 | Westpool | 68 | ● | 2.0 | 2.8 | .. |
| 98 | 60 | Winterbottom Enrgy | 94 | ● | 1.0b | 1.1 | .. |
| 154 | 109½ | Witan | 150 | ● –2 | 3.8 | 2.5 | .. |
| 276 | 207 | Yeoman | 271 | –2 | 11.7 | 4.3 | .. |

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

| 1984/85 High | Low | Company | Price | Ch'ge | Gross Div pence | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 500 | 345 | Akroyd & Smithers | 400 | ● | 22.8 | 5.9 | 15.5 |
| 37⅞ | 18½ | American Express | £37⅞ | ● +⅞ | | | |
| 29 | 16 | Argyle | 20 | +1 | 0.7 | 3.6 | 24.7 |
| 105 | 64 | Boustead | 85 | | | | |
| 116 | 83 | Britannia Arrow | 99 | +1 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 20.4 |
| 113 | 77 | CJR Pacific | 111 | +2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 44 | 22 | Do Warrants | 38 | | | | |
| 11⅝ | 8¼ | Daily Mail | £10⅝ | ● +⅛ | 55.0 | 5.1 | 11.2 |
| 11⅝ | 8⅞ | Do 'A' | £10⅝ | ● +⅛ | 55.0 | 5.1 | 11.2 |
| 119 | 89 | Electra | 119 | ● +2 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 31.7 |
| 148 | 80 | Eng Assoc | 98 | +15 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 13.9 |
| 698 | 383 | Exco | 658 | +25 | 11.8 | 1.8 | 24.9 |
| 77 | 58 | Exploration | 73 | . | 4.5 | 6.2 | 11.8 |
| 12½ | 9 | First Charlotte | 10½ | . | 0.1 | 0.7 | 95.3 |
| 875 | 670 | Framlington | 750 | –25 | 12.9 | 1.7 | 19.2 |
| 108 | 78 | Frost (J & D) | 78 | | 4.0 | 5.3 | 11.? |
| 59 | 42 | Goode (D & M) | 52 | –1 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 6.6 |
| 645 | 357 | Henderson Admin | 640 | +25 | 15.7 | 2.5 | 13.5 |
| 800 | 590 | M & G | 800 | ● . | 36.7 | 4.5 | 15.9 |
| 418 | 215 | Martin (RP) | 340 | | 17.9 | 5.3 | 8.2 |
| 457 | 247 | Mercantile House | 334 | ● +7 | 17.5 | 6.2 | 8.5 |
| 415 | 255 | Mills & Allen | 350 | | 29.0 | 5.8 | 7.1 |
| 120 | 70 | Smith Brothers | 108 | ● +2 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 4.6 |
| 235 | 175 | Yule Catto | 225 | .. | 7.9 | 3.5 | 10.7 |

## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

**Rates came crashing down as improvement in the pound inspired revised views about the longevity of Monday's 14 per cent, crisis-level, base rates.**

**Trading rates are now discounting a cut to 12½ per cent base rates immediately, but the reckoning is that Monday may see 12 per cent base rates. Market rates were still slipping right into the closing minutes.**

**In some instances, between the highest points of Tuesday and closing levels yesterday rates had dropped virtually two points.**

**Day-to-day money proved tight. It held 14½ – 14¼ per cent for much of the session, hit 17 per cent at one stage, then finished around 10 per cent bid.**

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 14
Finance House 10

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 14¼ Low 8
Week fixed 14 13¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 months 12⅝; 3 months 12½
Selling: 2 months 12½; 3 months 12⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 13⅜-13¼; 2 months 12⅞-12⅝
3 months 12⅝-12½; 6 months 11⅝-11½

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 14¼; 2 months 13⅝
3 months 13; 6 months 12

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 14⁵⁄₁₆-14³⁄₁₆ close 10
1 week 14¼-14⅛; 6 months 11¹³⁄₁₆-11⁵⁄₈
1 month 13⅞-13¾; 9 months 11½-11⅜
3 months 12⅞-12⅝; 12 months 11⅜-11¼

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 14¼; 7 days 14¼
1 month 13¼; 3 months 12½
6 months 11⅝; 12 months 11½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 14¼-13¾; 2 months 13⅞-13⅝
3 months 13⅛-13; 6 months 12⅝-12
9 months 12⅝-12; 12 months 12⅝-12

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 13⅜-13⅝; 3 months 12½-12⅜
6 months 12 11⅞; 12 months 11⅝ 11⅞

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.25-8.15; 3 months 8.35-8.25
6 months 8.55-8.45; 12 months 9.20-9.00

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Dollar** | | call | 8⅛-7⅞ |
| 7 days | 8⅛-8⅛ | 1 month | 8⅛-8⅛ |
| 3 months | 8⅛-8⅛ | 6 months | 8⅛-8⅛ |
| **Deutschmark** | | call | 5⅛-4⅞ |
| 7 days | 5⅛-5⅛ | 1 month | 5⅛-5⅛ |
| 3 months | 6⅛-5⅛ | 6 months | 6⅛-6⅛ |
| **French Franc** | | call | 11-10 |
| 7 days | 10⅛-10⅛ | 1 month | 10⅛-10⅛ |
| 3 months | 10⅛-10⅛ | 6 months | 11⅛-11⅛ |
| **Swiss Franc** | | call | 2⅛-1⅛ |
| 7 days | 3⅛-2⅛ | 1 month | 5⅛-5⅛ |
| 3 months | 5⅛-5⅛ | 6 months | 5⅛-5⅛ |
| **Yen** | | call | 6⅛-5⅛ |
| 7 days | 6⅛-6⅛ | 1 month | 6⅛-6⅛ |
| 3 months | 6⅛-6⅛ | 6 months | 6⅛-6⅛ |

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin): $312-313.50 (£277-278.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $71-72 (£62-63)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 5 December 1984 to 1 January 1985 inclusive 9.913 per cent

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

**A degree of stability seems to have returned to the foreign exchanges, at least for the time being.**

**Reports from the Opec conference in Geneva, suggested a general wish to reach an agreement. However, the dealers were unwilling to establish any firm positions until the** ***conference was over.***

**The end of the month, with many banks already having squared their books, is having a similar effect on the market.**

**Yesterday's third main factor on dealing, the US trade figures and predictions of another record trade deficit for 1985, has noticeably failed to move** ***the market.***

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| | Market rates day's range January 30 | Market rates close January 30 | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | $1.1177-1.1282 | $1.1257-1.1267 | 0.45-0.41c disc | 1.20-1.10c disc |
| Montreal | $1.4822-1.4970 | $1.4942-1.4967 | 0.53-0.47c prem | 1.39-1.29c prem |
| Amsterdam | 4.0070-4.0395fl | 4.0322-4.0392fl | 2⅛-2⅛c prem | 6⅛-6⅛c prem |
| Brussels | 70.88-71.44f | 71.32-71.44f | 20-15c prem | 45-33c prem |
| Copenhagen | 12.8445-12.7445k | 12.7271-12.7441k | 3-1⅛ore prem | 6-4⅛ore prem |
| Dublin | 1.1390-1.1468p | 1.1455-1.1465p | 4-22p disc | 29-64p disc |
| Frankfurt | 3.5428-3.5705m | 3.5655-3.5703m | 2⅛-2⅛pf prem | 6⅛-6⅛pf prem |
| Lisbon | 192.88-195.88e | 194.57-195.87e | 160-450e disc | 485-1340e disc |
| Madrid | 198.13-197.85p | 197.42-197.82p | 35 prem-25p disc | 15 prem-55p disc |
| Milan | 2184.50-2202.20lr | 2194.29-2201.88lr | 1-3lr disc | 9-15lr disc |
| Oslo | 10.2515-10.3405k | 10.3198-10.3402k | 2-⅛ore prem | 2⅛-1ore prem |
| Paris | 10.8300-10.9200f | 10.8940-10.9150f | 3-2⅛c prem | 2⅛-1c prem |
| Stockholm | 10.1179-10.1895k | 10.1745-10.1892k | ⅛ prem-1⅛ore disc | 1⅛-2⅛ore disc |
| Tokyo | 284.06-285.92y | 286.54-285.90y | 1⅛-1⅛y prem | 4⅛-4⅛y prem |
| Vienna | 24.88-25.06sch | 25.00-25.04sch | 15⅛-13⅛gro prem | 41⅛-37⅛gro prem |
| Zurich | 2.9845-3.0140f | 3.0095-3.0138f | 2⅛-1⅛c prem | 5⅛-5⅛c prem |

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.6 at 71.4 (day's range 71.4-70.9).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Ireland | 0.9820-0.9835 |
| Singapore | 2.2065-2.2080 |
| Malaysia | 2.4890-2.4905 |
| Australia | 0.8152-0.8162 |
| Canada | 1.3275-1.3280 |
| Sweden | 9.0425-9.0525 |
| Norway | 9.1725-9.1825 |
| Denmark | 11.3125-11.3225 |
| West Germany | 3.1685-3.1695 |
| Switzerland | 2.6740-2.6760 |
| Netherlands | 3.5830-3.5850 |
| France | 9.6725-9.6775 |
| Japan | 254.47-254.57 |
| Italy | 1949.50-1951.50 |
| Belgium(Comm) | 63.26-63.32 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7985-7.8000 |
| Portugal | 172.174 |
| Spain | 175.65-175.80 |
| Austria | 22.28-22.30 |

OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina peso* | 247.77-248.22 |
| Australia dollar | 1.3807-1.3838 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.4195-0.4235 |
| Brazil cruzeiro* | 3935.59-3958.66 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.72-0.73 |
| Finland marka | 7.4415-7.4815 |
| Greece drachma | 143.75-144.75 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 8.7889-8.7984 |
| India rupee | 14.1-14.3 |
| Iraq dinar | n.a |
| Kuwait dinar (KD) | 0.3405-0.3445 |
| Malaysia dollar | 2.8051-2.8093 |
| Mexico peso | 225-250 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.3937-2.4011 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 3.9835-4.0235 |
| Singapore dollar | 2.4887-2.4907 |
| South Africa rand | 2.2208-2.2315 |
| United Arab Emirates dirham | 4.0840-4.1240 |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.


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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

# Dearer money blow for market's recovery

By Judith Huntley

**The effect should not be as bad as in the old days but uncertainty is the last thing needed**

Just when it looked as if the property sector was showing signs of a slight recovery, uncertainty came back with a vengeance this week. The hike in interest rates to 14 per cent, when inflation is running at about 5 per cent, makes the cost of borrowing money the most expensive it has been since January 1982.

In the bad old days before the property crash in 1973, interest rates at this level would have wiped many companies off the property board. But things have changed. Many companies now have low levels of loan gearing, reducing the impact of such a dramatic move. Others have refinanced debt at fixed interest. Smaller property developers with high levels of gearing must, however, be biting their fingernails, waiting to see how long these rates will prevail. The view in the City seems to be that there will be no fall at least until the Budget on March 19.

There is no doubt that interest rates at this level will put a brake on the property market, but it will probably take about six months before the impact makes itself felt. Shop property, currently the best performing sector in the market, could be hit by any rises in mortgage rates which will reduce spending power in the high street. And there will be a depressing effect on both the office and industrial sectors, just beginning, with a few exceptions, to pick themselves up from the doldrums in which they have languished for the last three years.

Property yields have been rising in the last few months, at last reflecting the poor rental growth experienced in most sectors of the market. It is not only average yields that have been rising, prime yields are on the increase too, moving to a more sensible level in the light of performance.

The rise in base rates did not hit property as sharply as it might. It was not a case of a buoyant property sector being hard hit by a short-term rise in interest rates throwing the market into disarray as with gilts and equities. Long-term interest rates are the crucial factor for property which takes time to respond to economic changes. And other factors enter into the future of the property sector.

Dr Russell Schiller, the head of Hillier Parker's research department, argues that the time is right for there to be an inflow of dollars into the British commercial property market. The arguments usually put forward against this are that yields are too low in this country to make property an attractive proposition for US investors. Dr Schiller argues, however, that if potential investors looked at average rather than prime yields, the picture would look different.

The rise in base rates knocked the price of property shares along with all other sectors of the investment market, but as Mrs Nan Rogers of Grenfell and Colegrave, the stockbroker, points out, they are usually the first to take a knock.

A view shared by Mr Robert Ringrose of the broker Phillips & Drew but he says property shares were less affected than might have been expected because they had been underperforming the market for some weeks before base rates went up. Brave investors may buy now while prices are cheap, although most will hold off until interest rates fall, but property shares still look good value for money.


GLEESON

**Civil Engineering and Building Contracting**
**Residential and Commercial Property Development**

*The Annual General Meeting of M J Gleeson Group plc was held on January 30th 1985 at North Cheam, Surrey.*

Salient points from Mr. J. P. Gleeson's Statement:–

Despite a slight reduction in turnover, the profit before tax has been increased by £1,261,000 to £4,398,000. Of this increase, £836,000 is attributable to trading profit and the balance of £425,000 to Rents Receivable and Bank Interest. The total dividend for the year is 4.95p per share, an increase of 10%.

As has been stated in the Annual Report, present indications are that lower levels of turnover are likely to result from continuing work shortages in the public sector. However, the profit prospect should be underpinned by the continuing expansion of the residential and commercial property developments, the increasing rent roll and final account settlements.

*Haredon House, London Road, North Cheam, Surrey, SM3 9BS.*


# Coldwell eyes Europe

**● The establishment of Coldwell Banker's new office in Berkeley Square staffed by Mr Dennis Redmond and Herr Dietrich Kuhl can be seen as a step in the direction of securing a foothold in the European property market.**

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**● Mr Peter Palumbo, the originator of the Mies van de Rohe office block in a new square at the Mansion House, has described the City of London's attempts to preserve what he called second rate Victorian parts of the City as "turning lame ducks into sacred cows".**

**Mr Palumbo said the draft City plan was "a recipe for economic suicide" and Dr Kieth Gugan, chairman of the City's planning committee, said the City planners had to work closely with "the merchants of London, it was the only real guarantee of the corporation remaining in its present form."**


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|---|---|---|
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| | Pence | Pence |
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CRICKET: ENGLAND RELY ON WINNING TEAM AS THEY ATTEMPT TO EMULATE 30-YEAR-OLD FEAT

# Rare incentive on a 'mosaic'

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Kanpur

For the first time since they were in Australia in 1978-79, England will enter the final Test match of an overseas series with a lead here today. They are 2-1 up on India and confident of not losing. After giving long consideration to bringing in Ellison for Cowans they rejected the idea and will field the side that did so well in Madras.

Of the first four tests, three produced eventful cricket as well as a result. If the same is to happen again, it is most likely to be because the ball turns. That is what India are hoping for – a turning pitch – even though Edmonds and Pocock must stand at least as good a chance of exploiting one as successfully as the Indian spinners.

When India lost the fourth Test and so fell behind in the series, word was sent to Kanpur to provide an underprepared pitch for today. Presumably an attempt has been made to do that, though it is not immediately obvious. The pitch has the appearance of a mosaic, being laced with little cracks. When West Indies played here 15 months ago, on one that looked much the same, the ball, rather surprisingly, bounced enough for India to be beaten by an innings in three and a half days.

But it is no use trying to predict how pitches will play. In Madras, where both captains were keen to bat first, it proved an advantage to bat second. At Bombay, where England were delighted to win the toss and so be able to bat first, they lost. At Delhi the same thing happened, though the other way round. India, having won the toss, must have felt they could hardly lose, yet they did so. No captain has put the opposition in in this series so far, and it is unlikely, I think, to happen here.

The Modi (former Governor, rather than past cricketer) stadium, generally known as Green Park, is a splendid ground, the surrounding trees and well grassed outfield attesting to its more common designation. Such is the security surrounding England's visit that something like 4,000 police will be assigned to the match each day. The streets of the city and the corridors of the hotel are full of them, too, Kanpur having been a centre of some unrest in recent months.



Gatting: chasing Barrington's record

Even if England do no more than draw it will be only the fourth time they have ever come from behind to win a series abroad. The last was in Australia in 1954-55. That is a rare incentive. For India the Test is their last at home for more than a year. Since winning in Bombay on December 3 they have had a disastrous few weeks, the fate of a side divided against itself.

In the last two Test matches their attack, with the exception of Sivaramakrishna, has held few terrors. The emergence of Azharuddin, the new batting prodigy, has been their only consolation. A Gavaskar hundred here would be less of a suprise than an Indian victory.

Between them the two captains, Gavaskar and Gower, have played 12 innings in the series and made a mere 188 runs. One needs a good score no less than the other.

England's record-chaser now is Gatting who is within 122 runs of Ken Barrington's 594, the best aggregate by an English batsman in a series against India. Since his 207 in Madras Gatting has not in fact distinguished himself, mainly through over-confidence, but already he has raised his overall Test average from an unworthy 33, which it was when he arrived in India, to something over 30, and the Indians have come to fear him almost as much as they feared Barrington.

England are gratified that V. K. Ramaswamy is umpiring again. Although, at 39, young for the job, he satisfied both sides on his Test debut in Madras, and even the press as well.

The other umpire, P. D. Reporter, is not quite such a favourite, but the Indian Board acqiesced, as few others would have done, when the England management asked that the two original nominees for the match should be withdrawn. If the chances are that Messrs Ramaswamy and Reporter will preside over a draw and a tame end to the series, this has been a bad winter for the crystal ball. Let's just say that it would be in the nature of things for expectation to be confounded.

ENGLAND: G Fowler, R T Robinson, M W Gatting, * D I Gower, A J Lamb, S Cowdrey, †P R Downton, P H Edmonds, N A Foster, P I Pocock, N G Cowans

# W Indies keep Pakistan in reserve

Test and County Cricket Board officials were yesterday surprised by a claim that West Indies have approached Pakistan about replacing England if next winter's planned tour is cancelled.

Mohammad Rafi Nassim, secretary of the Pakistan board, has stated that they had been "sounded out" as standby tour opponents. However, the TCCB spokesman, Peter Lush, said he was astonished to learn of the reported contingency measure if political pressures intervene.

Pakistan may be anticipating possible objections from certain quarters of West Indian cricket if England name any of the South African "rebels", whose three-year ban ends in March, for the tour.

Lush said "This is complete news to us. We have been talking to the West Indies board in recent weeks and will be doing so again in Australia next month when all the Test countries will be in Melbourne for the mini world cup. "We have no reason at all to believe that the tour will not take place. Indeed, we are expecting to receive the tour programme from the West Indies in the late spring."

It would be surprising if Guyana were included on the itinerary after the rumpus in 1981 over Robin Jackman which led to the cancellation of the Test. The itinerary of the England under-19 side on their present Caribbean tour was rejigged at the last moment to exclude Trinidad and Antigua, who joined Guyana in objecting to the South African links of four members of the England squad.

Lush added: "Whatever programme they put forward, it's up to them. It will be the same here. If we did not want to play a Test on a certain ground that would be our decision alone. We will visit any island provided there are no preconditions and we are welcomed."

Recently, the treasurer of the West Indies board, Franz Botel, visited Lord's to talk over the possibility of live television of the Tests to be beamed back to England.

In 1983, when there was a doubt that West Indies would come to England the following year because they would have had to face England's "rebels" in matches against the counties, England lined up Australia as alternative opponents.

# The dream that hit bull's-eye

By Richard Streeton

Sharjah, one of the seven United Arab Emirates, where water costs more than electricity and is a more precious commodity than oil, is an unlikely place for a visit by an official England cricket side. When Norman Gifford and his team, chosen this week by the TCCB selectors, joins the Australian, Indian and Pakistani Test teams there, for a one-day tournament in late March, it will bring further fulfilment to the boyhood dreams of a millionaire Arab, Abdulrahman Bukhatir.

England, rightly, have always been on their guard against making too many demands on the leading players. There is some disappointment already in Sharjah that Gower, Gatting, Marks, Downton, Lamb and Cowdray have decided against making themselves available. They will only have been back a fortnight from their lengthy visit to India and Australia and decided to rest before the English season.

Bukhatir's schooldays in Pakistan, where he was the only Arab in the class, left him a cricket addict for life. He is now in his early forties, and a Sharjah banker and entrepreneur and the driving force behind the remarkable development of Gulf Cricket. Remembering that seven out of every 10 in the local workforce are expatriates, the majority Indian, Pakistani or British, it is not surprising perhaps that standards in UAE cricket have risen rapidly in the past five years.

The first tangible prooof that Bukhatir's cricket ambitions for the Arabian desert were no mirage came when he built a £2 million stadium in Sharjah. It holds 15,000 spectators and its outfield grass is as luxurious as at any cricket ground in the world. From the air it resembles a green bull's eye on a dartboard of sand and oil fields.

In the past three years the Sharjah cricket association has staged a double-wicket competition for the world's leading players; unofficial internationals between Test cricketers; and finally in 1984 the inaugural Asia Cup, which India won by beating Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The Gulf's vast financial resources are beyond the wildest dreams of the average English county club but non-profitability is the keynote and Bukhatir has also founded a cricketers' benefit fund, which has paid out more than £300,000 in three years to past and present Asian players. The forthcoming tournament is sponsored by Rothmans and the winning team will receive £25,000 as well as tour fees and other perks.

On a wider front, this tournament is the most important of its type yet to be staged.

Gifford, who will have his 45th birthday in Sharjah, as been assistant manager and coach on England's last three overseas tours. As a current county captain and an experienced routist, he is an apt choice to lead this kind of expedition. Gifford will have nine of England's present touring side with him. Not only are these players match fit but their presence indicates that the TCCB have tried to send as strong a side as is feasible. The England party is completed by players who came close to selection for the main winter tour, including two uncapped cricketers, Robert Bailey, and Colin Wells.

ENGLAND PARTY: N Gifford (Warwickshire, captain), R J Bailey (Northamptonshire), N G Cowans (Middlesex), P H Edmonds (Middlesex), R M Ellison (Kent), N A Foster (Essex), G Fowler (Lancashire), B N French (Nottinghamshire), M D Moxon (Yorkshire), P I Pocock (Surrey), D R Pringle (Essex), D W Randall (Nottinghamshire), C M Wells (Sussex).

# Sri Lankans struggle

Perth (Reuter) – The Sri Lankans, who must win their remaining two World Series Cup matches decisively to qualify for the best of three final, gained a little comfort from the opening day of their two-day match against Western Australian Colts at Steveris Reserve, Fremantle, yesterday.

A fine unbeaten century by Peter Gionnella helped the Colts to 225 for four declared and the Sri Lankans then slumped to 35 for four before recovering to 64 for four by the close.

SCORE: Western Australia Colts 225 for 4 dec (P Gionnella 100 not out, G Ireland 59); Sri Lanka 64 for 4.

# Chance for youth to meet the test

By Marcus Williams

Mark Nicholas, who took over the captaincy of Hampshire late last season, is to lead an English Counties XI on a month-long tour of Zimbabwe. Nicholas will have at his command four Test match players, his county colleague, Terry, Broad of Nottinghamshire, Cook, of Leicestershire, and Lloyd, of Warwickshire. Several other young players who have attracted the attention of the selectors will be going, too.

The party of 14 will be Mike Vockins, the Worcestershire secretary, and accompanied by the Test umpire, Don Oslear, who will stand in some of the matches and give lectures to local umpires. They are due to leave on February 9 and will play a total of three-day games against Zimbabwe and Zimbabwe B, plus nine one matches.

The tour is particularly significant for Lloyd and Terry, who will be experiencing their first competitive cricket since being injured against West Indies last summer. Lloyd was struck on the head and Terry suffered a broken left wrist.

Broad, who was unlucky not to be chosen for India after soldiering through against West Indies, Nicholas, Bainbridge, d'Oliveira and Richard Williams are the other batsmen in the party, with the speed of Davis, Newman and Neil Williams, medium-pace of Monkhouse and Tremlett, and spin of Cook providing the specialist bowling. Richard Williams, Bainbridge and d'Oliveira will supplement a attack.

This is the first visit by a representative English side to Zimbabwe, although Middlesex and Leicestershire (including Cook) went there in 1980-81, the season immediately after Independence, which caused the severing of ties with the South African Cricket Union.

The original invitation this time was for a joint tour by Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, but with so many of their players engaged overseas, Mr Vockins was then asked to assemble a side. With many other county cricketers out of the country he has put together the strongest available team, with the emphasis on promise for the future. The average age of the party is 26.

ENGLISH COUNTIES PARTY: B C Broad (Nottinghamshire) N G B Cook (Leicestershire), M R Davis (Somerset), D B d'Oliveira (Worcestershire), T A Lloyd (Warwickshire), G Monkhouse (Surrey), P G Newman (Derbyshire), R J Parks (Hampshire), V P Terry (Hampshire), T M Tremlett (Hampshire), N F Williams (Middlesex), R G Williams (Northamptonshire) Manager: M D Vockins.

ITINERARY: February 9, Depart 13: v Zimbabwe country districts (Harare South), 15-18: Zimbabwe (Harare three days), 17-V Zimbabwe (Harare); 20: Zimbabwe B (Kwekwe), 22-25: v Zimbabwe B (Bulawayo, three days), 24: v Zibabwe (Bulawayo); 27: v Zimbabwe (Mwengi), March 1-4: v Zimbabwe (Harare, three days), 3: v Zimbabwe (Harare); 6: v Zimbabwe B (Mutare); 9: Zimbabwe (Harare); 10: Zimbabwe (Harare); 11: Return

GOLF

# Europe mount strongest challenge yet

From John Ballantine
Pebble Beach

The Bing Crosby Pro-Am, which starts at Pebble Beach and surrounding courses on the mighty Monterey Peninsula tomorrow, will have a significant bearing on the Ryder Cup, to be played at the Belfrey, Sutton Coldfield, in September.

The strongest European challenge mounted this season will come from Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Peter Oosterhuis, Sandy Lyle and Ken Brown. The American contingent here is powerful, led by the man in form, Lanny Wadkins, Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus, Hale Irwin, the title holder, and Lee Trevino will also take part.

Trevino, of course, will be the non-playing captain of the United States team when it meets Europe in the autumn in what is expected to be a very close match. It was ironic that Trevino should win the £2,300 prize in a pre-tournament five-man "shoot-out" involving the Mexican, as well as Irwin, Andy Bean, Bobby Clampett and Tom Kite.

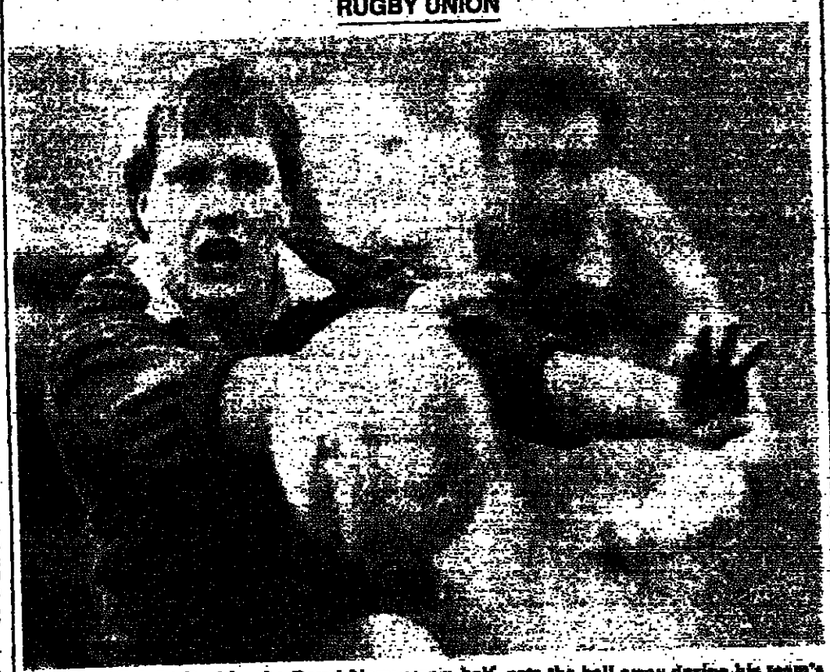
Trevino and Kite were level after they had played the first, second, third and 17th holes on the celebrated Pebble Beach links and Trevino finally won with a birdie at the last hole. "Hey, I need the money", he shouted at the 2,000 delighted spectators. Europeans will be thankful that Trevino, who became, at 45, last year's PGA champion, will not wield his clubs at the Belfrey.

The Crosby format calls for each professional to play with his amateur partner over the three courses of Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, and Cypress Point, the 70 leaders returning to Pebble for the final round on Sunday.

# New chairman

Rosemary Dykes is the new chairman of the Ladies' Golf Union. She was elected at the annual meeting in London yesterday. The Royal and Ancient have given the LGU £40,000 prize money for the Ladies' British Open championship to be staged at Moor Park in October.

RUGBY UNION



Take that: Sub Lt Durkin, the Royal Navy scrum half, gets the ball away during his team's 12-10 defeat by Cambridge University yesterday. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

# RAF counterattacks ground Oxford

By Peter Marson

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| Royal Air Force | 31 |
| Oxford University | 23 |

With a string of defeats and cancellations behind them, Royal Air Force's rugby was unquestionably in need of a boost from some direction. It came yesterday at Halton with a timely explosion in points heralding a heartening victory against Oxford University, whom they beat by four goals, a try and two penalty goals to a goal, two tries, a dropped goal and a penalty goal.

Oxford were a long way short of being the dangerous adversary Cambridge had been at Grange Road a week ago, and the Air Force's forwards gained confidence all the time. Oxford's defeat was the third in their new term, and they will be aggrieved by their defensive yesterday, particularly after a promising beginning, in which the scrum half, Pearson, had given them an early lead of six points from a penalty goal and a neat dropped goal.

But by the end of the first half, Air Force blue had managed to look a shade less doleful, and a sparkling movement, the forerunner of many more as it proved, brought a good try for Lazenby after Worrall – whose experience was invaluable – and Goslin had made the running.

SCORERS: Royal Air Force: Tries, Lazenby (2), Aspinall, Whitbourne, Conversions, Evans (4). Penalty goal, Evans.
Oxford University: Tries, Reed, Phillips (2). Conversion, Pearson. Dropped goal, Pearson. Penalty goals, Pearson (2).
ROYAL AIR FORCE: Cpl S Lazenby (St Austell); FO M Aspinall (Norwich), FO I Goslin (Cornwall, and Cpl W Thomas (Cambridge); Cpl V Bailey (Bries Norton); Cpl M Evans (Bries Norton); Cpl D Worrall (Tenbury); Cpl M Whitbourne (North Lafferton); SAC R Davies (Bideford); SAC M Sutherland (Aberdare); Pt M Chapman (Birmingham); Sgt D Parsonage (Pontypool).
OXFORD UNIVERSITY: A P Kennedy (Malvern and Keble); N Cockburn (Liverpool University and St Anne's); R A Ryder (Sherborne and Pembroke); *S J Mowday (Magdalene College School and Magdalen); *J W C Phillips (Hanley and St John's); *C D Evans (Ysgol and Jesus); *D S Preedy (Hereford and St Edmund Hall); *S B Pearson (Basingstoke and Trinity); *D J Mills (University of Cape Town and St Catherine's); J M Blenkinsopp (Pudsey and Wakefield); A Penrose (Bishop's Stortford and St Catherine's); M W Shenkwood (Peter's and St Catherine's); N C N Phillips (Lancaster University and St Catherine's); *D E Reed (Portsmouth and St Edmund Hall); *T G S Martin (Purley and St Catherine's).
Referee: J Carter (East Midlands).
*A Blue.

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ICE HOCKEY

# Injury forces Halpin to retire at 29

By Robert Pryce

Roy Halpin, the Dundee Rockets' left wing and the outstanding player in the British game, has retired. A persistent back injury has ended his career at the age of 29.

In three and a half seasons in British ice hockey, he scored more than 350 goals. Last season, despite a series of injuries and sometimes overbearing attention from his opponents, he broke every British single-season scoring record, with 125 goals and 106 assists. His 14 goals against Durham Wasps in April 1982 are the most ever scored by one player in one game in British senior ice hockey.

He was an exemplary player, composed, intelligent and brave. Though his speed and power were seen in less frequent flashes as injuries and the demands of Dundee's system took their toll, his single-minded predator's instinct for an opening survived intact. His abilities, both as a coach and a player, and his understanding with his colleagues, especially Chris Brimner, made Dundee the outstanding team in Britain for the last three years.

BASKETBALL

# Beswick keeps same squad

Bill Beswick, the England coach, has retained the squad that did well in games against Czechoslovakia and Israel in November for the world championship match with Switzerland in Bellinzona on February 13.

The squad of 12 will be reduced to a travelling party of 10 during the next week.

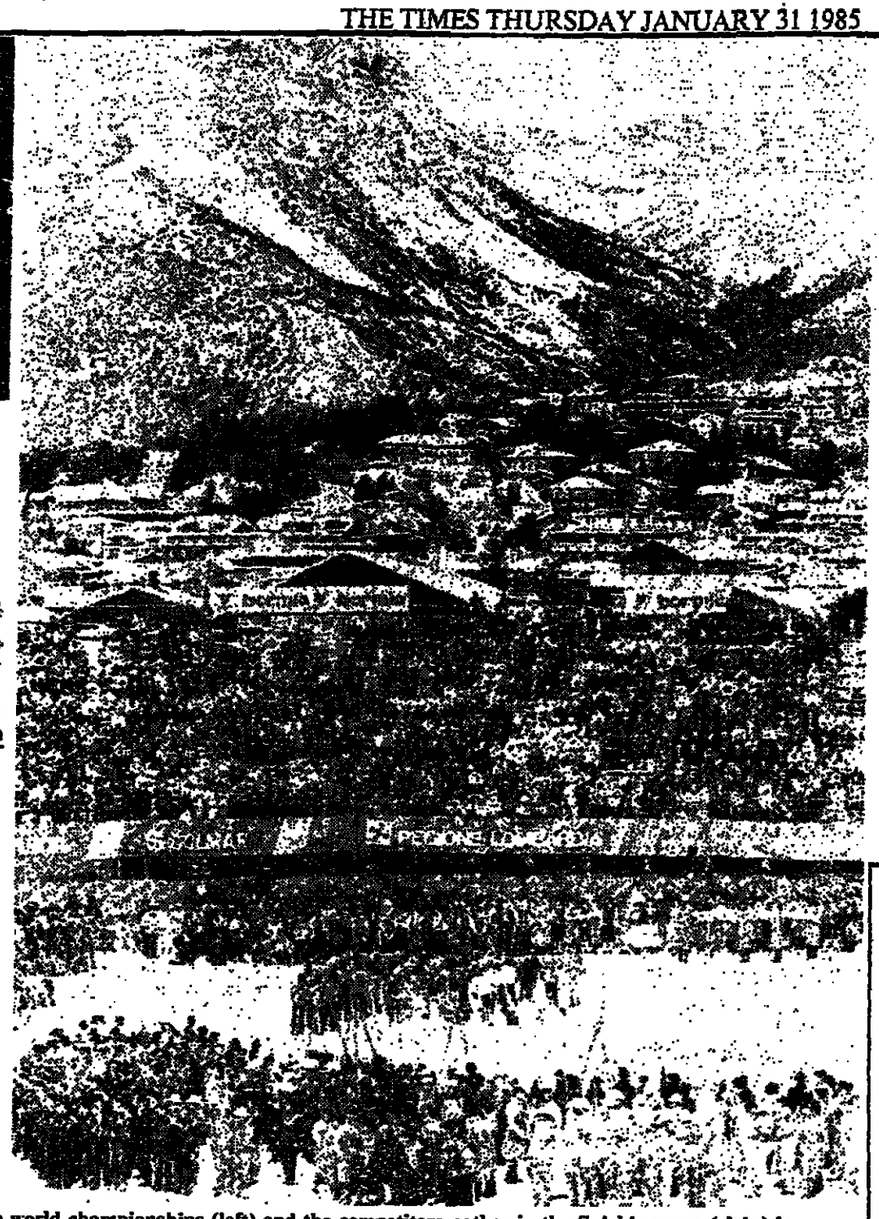
Beswick said: "I have been impressed by a number of other players in the league since England last played. However, I have decided to go with a squad who have shown spirit and determination.

SQUAD: M Reed, A Balogun (Hemel Wanderers), D Gardiner, D Lloyd (Manchester Grasshoppers), M Shaw, P Bannister (Crystal Palace), M Clark (Kingston), D Lloyd (Manchester United), K Tatum (Barking), C Vaughan, S D'Silva, P James (Leicester).



Mueller producing fastest time in practice





Flags are paraded at the opening ceremony of the world championships (left) and the competitors gather in the finishing area (right) in front of the town of Bormio, in the Italian Alps.

SKIING

# Swiss squad are in irresistible form

Bormio, Italy (Reuter) – Switzerland's outstanding skiing team, led by Pirmin Zurbriggen and Michela Figini, are likely to dominate the World Championships starting here today after a commanding start to this season's World Cup.

Zurbriggen's successful return from a knee injury sustained earlier this month in Kitzbuehel and the superb form which has brought Figini six victories this month make them clear favourites for individual medals.

The Swiss team have a large lead in the Nations' Cup standings, thanks to their women winning eight races and Zurbriggen, their World Cup overall champion, another four. The all-round talents of their squad could prove unbeatable.

Figini, their Olympic downhill gold medal winner in Sarajevo, has won downhill, giant slalom and super-giant slalom races this season. Zurbriggen, second in this season's overall standings, became the first skier for 17 years to win races in all three Alpine disciplines in one season at Kitzbuehel. However, Zurbriggen's medal chances depend on whether Marc Girardelli, the World Cup overall leader, is allowed to race in Bormio.

Girardelli, an Austrian who races for Luxembourg, has applied to the Luxembourg government for citizenship in a last-ditch and controversial attempt to get into the championships. The International Ski Federation said that the Luxembourg Ski Federation had threatened to take out an injunction banning them from staging the championships unless Girardelli is allowed to compete.

Girardelli's father, Helmut, whose dispute with the Austrian team officials eight years ago led to his son skiing for Luxembourg, is a trainer with the Luxembourg federation.

Gianfranco Kaspar, the FIS director, said yesterday the FIS would happily accept Girardelli in the championships if the Luxembourg government guaranteed in writing that Girardelli would definitely be granted citizenship. In Luxembourg, justice ministry officials said they were sure the parliament would in due course give Girardelli a passport.

Kaspar said "We will start the championships tomorrow whatever the Luxembourg federation does. Personally I think it is a silly thing to do. It is not the basis on which to operate in sport.

The course, built specially for the championships and unraced before this week, is not one for the speed kings. It is a turning track, with some 15 bends around seven jumps.

Peter Mueller and Franz Heinzer second places on Switzerland's four-man downhill team for Sunday with a one-two finish in the second practice run yesterday.

The Olympic champions, Bill Johnson and Michela Figini, struggled to find their best form in the practice.

SNOOKER

# Werbeniuk lets in Griffiths for kill

By Sydney Friskin

Terry Griffiths, a former world champion, recovered his form to beat the burly Canadian, Bill Werbeniuk, 5-2 in the first round of the Benson & Hedges Masters tournament at Wembley yesterday. Griffiths, who has had a poor season, was at the scene of former glories, having won this tournament in 1980 and going on to appear in three other finals.

Griffiths missed the chance yesterday of surpassing the highest break in the tournament, 103, compiled by Cliff Thorburn. He made a break of 84 in the fourth frame but it broke down when he failed to pot the brown. With all the colours on their spots he could have run through for a break of 106.

Still, it was comforting for Griffiths to have recovered so well after Werbeniuk, who has not won a tournament match this season, had seized the first frame with a break of 73. The frame score was 2-2 at the interval after which Griffiths went from strength to strength.

Werbeniuk started the fifth frame with a break of 30 but on missing an easy red, he left the gates open for Griffith, who responded with 51, eventually winning the frame by taking the brown, blue and pink. Griffiths went on to complete a fluent victory.

Tony Meo was not at his best when defeating Kirk Stevens, of Canada, 5–2 on Tuesday night to set up a quarter-final meeting with Doug Mountjoy.

FIRST ROUND: A Meo bt K Stevens (Can) 5–2 (62–35, 66–31, 78–24, 35–81, 74–31, 74–51, 4–80, 81–14); T Griffiths bt W Werbeniuk (Can) 5–2 (0–85, 67–21, 40–62, 109–0, 77–50, 118–6, 58–25).



Griffiths: good recovery

MOTOR RALLYING

# Röhrl tips Vatanen for victory

Monte Carlo (AFP) – Walter Röhrl and Christian Geistdorfer, of West Germany, lead surviving crews out of Monaco in their Audi Sport Quattro today on the final leg of the 53rd Monte Carlo Rally, knowing that their lead of 1min 58sec may not be enough to enable them to win this famous classic for a record fifth time.

Despite their undisputed skill and experience, the Germans have two major rivals to contend with over the final 11-stage 850km run – Ari Vatanen of Finland and Peugeot's remarkable 205 Turbo 16.

The 37-year-old West German driver admitted his fears after completing the 1700km "common run" on Wednesday, ahead of the fair-headed Finn. Vatanen, who was victim of an eight-minute penalty for clockong in too early at the gap assembly area late on Tuesday night, Peugeot's subsequent appeal was dismissed last night.

"If nothing happens to his car, then there is no way we can beat him," admitted Röhrl. "Ari is one second quicker than us on the dry and one-and-a-half seconds quicker on the wet". Certainly Vatanen, aged 32, has captured th imagination of the record crowds who have lined the narrow Alpine trial roads since the start of the rally by recording the fastest times over 16 of the 22 special stages.

LEADING STANDINGS (after 'Common run'): 1, W Röhrl and C Geistdorfer (WG), Audi Sport Quattro, 6hr 55min 12sec; 2, A Vatanen (Fin) and Terry Harryman (NI), Peugeot 205 Turbo 16, at 1min 58sec; 3, T Salonen and S Harjanne (Fin), Peugeot 205 Turbo 16, at 5:04; 4, S Blomqvist and B Cederberg (Swe), Audi Sport Quattro, at 13:18; 5, H Toivonen and J Piironen (Fin), Lancia Rally 037, at 16:59; 6, B Saby and J-F Fauchille (Fr), Peugot 205 Turbo 16, at 18:46.

IN BRIEF

# Decision on Tyrrell is delayed

A Paris appeals court will decide next month whether to order the permanent lifting of a ban imposed by the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) on the British Formula One motor racing team Tyrrell. FISA banned Tyrrell from competing in the 1985 world championship for allegedly contravening fuel rules during last June's Detroit Grand Prix. A judge in Paris ordered the ban lifted temporarily last month.

RUGBY UNION: Vince Cannon, the lock forward who recently complained about England's rugby selectors over their side to face Romania, makes his 350th appearance for Northampton against Saracens at Franklins Gardens tomorrow. The 33-year old building site labourer, an automatic choice at Northampton over the past decade, has been on winning Midland Division sides against Australia and New Zealand as well as playing for the Barbarians.

CRICKET: Northamptonshire's Douglas Lucas, confirmed yesterday that Steven Covedale, the former Cambridge University and Yorkshire wicketkeeper, will take over from Ken Turner as club secretary on April 1.

BOXING: The Soviet Union beat the United States 8-3 in an amateur meeting in Buffalo, New York on Tuesday.

RESULTS: (US names first) Light-flyweight: A Johnson bt N Manchan, pts. Flyweight: R Duran lost to L Papyan, pts. Featherweight: R Doll lost to S Nurkazov, pts. Lightweight: D Beard lost to N Abdykahyov, pts. Light-welterweight: T Hickman bt E Khalkozov, pts. Welterweight: K Cooper lost to I Akopkohyan, pts. Light-middleweight: A Bailey lost to V Akulov, pts. Middleweight: F Swindell bt A Kilimov, pts. Light-heavyweight: D Stevens lost to T Trnshev, pts. Heavyweight: A Williams lost to R Sobirov, pts. Super-heavyweight: W Bent lost to V Abadzhian, stpd 2nd.

RUGBY UNION

# Exeter triumph in battle

Exeter University beat Swansea 12-6 yesterday to go forward to the semi-finals of the Universities Athletics Union competition, where they will meet Loughborough, the holders, at Cheltenham next Wednesday (David Hands writes). But they will be without Robinson, their loose-head prop, for that game since he was one of three players to be sent off in a quarter-final which developed into a running battle.

Osborne, the Exeter full back, kicked two penalties in each half and converted a penalty try awarded just after half-time. Swansea, buoyed up by two penalties, but missing their two props, who were dismissed along with Robinson, exerted considerable pressure on the Exeter line in the dying minutes but could not break a resolute defence.

FOOTBALL: PEARS EASES MANCHESTER UNITED'S GOALKEEPING FEARS

# Beckenbauer's men are caught cold

Hamburg (AFP) – The problems facing the new West German manager, Franz Beckenbauer, were emphasized by the team's 1-0 defeat against Hungary in a friendly international here on Tuesday.

The German players had some excuse for sluggishness through lack of match practice, because the West German league resumes only this weekend after its New Year break and cold weather has limited training Hungary, meanwhile, were fresh from intensive practice at a training camp at Benidorm and fully deserved their first win over West Germany since 1956.

However, the Germans will have to improve considerably before they can be confident of beating Portugal when they resume their World Cup campaign in Lisbon. With that European qualifying group two match less than four weeks away, West Germany were painfully weak in attack, with even the normally solid defence looking brittle.

The Hungarian defender Zoltan Peter scored the winner in the 47th minute. Ironically, the goal was conceded by first choice goalkeeper Harald Schumacher two minutes after he had replaced the reserve keeper, Stein, taken off by Beckenbauer after a poor first half performance.

Schumacher has denied press reports suggesting he is having talks with the French first division club, Paris St Germain. Asked about the reports after the match, Schumacher said they were totally false.

The goalkeeper's contract with his club, Cologne, expires at the end of this season but he is currently involved in negotiations over a five-year extension.

Schumacher, who has spent his entire career with his home town side, indicated earlier this season that he his unsettled and might leave. But he said recently the improving fortunes of Cologne, who have risen to third in the table and reached the last eight of the UEFA Cup, had changed his mind.

Two problems remain to be settled in his talks with Cologne. The club would prefer a shorter contract extension and the team switches next season to Puma Sportswear. Schumacher has a contract with Adidas until 1987.

It would be ironic if Schumacher went to Paris as his clash with Patrick Battiston in the 1982 World Cup semi-final, which left the French player badly injured, made him highly unpopular in France.

Faced with being without Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Hans-Peter Briegel, both of whom are based in Italy, West Germany have asked Portugal to bring forward their World Cup match, scheduled for Sunday February 24, by 24 hours.

Inter Milan Verona want to have Rummenigge and Briegel respectively in their teams for important Italian League games against Turin and Juventus on the 24th.

● Montevideo (AFP) – Uruguay beat on out-of-from East Germany 3-0 in a friendly match which drew a 70,000 crowd to the Centenary Stadium here on Tuesday.

● Turin, (Reuter) – Juventus, the Italian league champions, moved up to sixth place in the first division after a late goal by their French player Michel Platini, gave them a 1-0 win over Lazio yesterday.

● FLORENCE, The Argentine International defender Daniel Passarella has signed a new two-year contract with the Italian first division side Fiorentina (AFP reports). It worth a reported $200,000 (about £177,000).

# Telford aim to keep Cup record

Kevin Smith, the Darlington centre-half, who was carried off after 16 minutes of Tuesday's FA Cup fourth-round tie with Telford United, has a dislocated shoulder and not a broken collar bone as first feared.

Telford's part-time players arrived home at 3.30 yesterday morning to snatch a few hours' sleep before returning to work, happy at having taken a decisive step towards meeting FA Cup holders Everton on February 16. Telford drew 1-1 at Darlington and look forward to the replay knowing that they have never lost at home to a League side.

Joe Jordan scored his thirteenth goal of the season to give Southampton a 1-0 home win over Sunderland, though a 25th-minute foul had already earned him his eighth booking.

It was a memorable night for Bolton Wanderers, of the third division, who won 2-1 at Bristol Rovers to collect their first away points in 16 matches. Port Vale drew the smallest crowd in their history, 1,386, for their Freight Rover trophy match against Northampton Town though a meagre 736 was all that watched Wrexham's 2-2 home draw against Wigan Athletic in the same tournament.

# Bailey's fate rests on his little finger

Gary Bailey could be out of Manchester United's team for six weeks. The England Under-21 goalkeeper could have a compound fracture of the little finger of his left hand he damaged a week ago in a training accident.

Bailey said: "I have seen a specialist today and I am hoping I will not be out for as long as some people may think." Bailey will see the specialist again on Friday.

Steve Pears, United's reserve goalkeeper, will again take over. Pears impressed in last Saturday's fourth round Cup victory over Coventry, when he saved a penalty from Terry Gibson. United have recalled Jeff Wealands, their only other experienced goalkeeper, after a one-month loan to Preston North End.

● Manchester City scored the third win of their tour of Malaysia when they beat Kedah State 5-0 on Tuesday night. Melrose and Wilson scored in the first half with further goals coming from Cunningham, Melrose and Smith.

● Joe Jordan's latest booking has frustrated Newcastle's attempt to extend Ian Baird's stay at St James Park. The Southampton forward, who has already been on loan to Newcastle for a month, was due to start another month next weekend. But the move has now been stopped by Southampton, because Jordan faces another suspension after being booked in the 1-0 win over Sunderland on Tuesday night.

● Swansea City have failed again to have the embargo lifted which would allow them to borrow players. The League management committee have turned down the second plea in three months from the Welsh club, who still owe money on transfer deals to four clubs.

● The Queen's Park Rangers youth coach, Ian Salter, is off to the Faroe Islands next week to take charge of Runavik, a first division team.



Bailey: awkward break

# Winston leaves Orient after long service

Brian Winston has resigned from the Orient board because of increased business pressure. Orient's chairman, Neville Ovenden, said: "I would like to go on record on behalf of all at Orient by offering my sincere thanks to him for all his enthusiasm, efforts and hard work over a very long period."

Mr Winston, a former member of the Football League management committee, was chairman of Orient for almost a decade, until relinquishing control of the club to Mr Ovenden in November, 1982.

Oldham Athletic's transfer-listed winger, Joe McBride, will sign for the Scottish premier division side Hibernian today for £20,000. McBride has been unsettled at Boundary Park since his £45,000 move from Rotherham United 18 months ago.

## Cottage guests

Fulham are to play FK Austria at Craven Cottage on Tuesday, February 12.

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Fourth round: Oxford United 0, Blackburn Rovers 1, replay: Wimbledon 1, Nottingham Forest 0
THIRD DIVISION: Derby County 2, Bournemouth 3
FOURTH DIVISION: Chester City 2, Swindon Town 0
SCOTTISH CUP: Third round: Aberdeen 5, Alloa Athletic 0, Hamilton Academicals 1, Celtic 2, Heart of Midlothian 6, Inverness Caledonian 0, Meadowbank Thistle 4, Partick Thistle 2, Motherwell 4, Dumbarton 0
Third round replay: Rangers 3, Morton 1
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 1, Swindon 1; Crystal Palace 6, Southampton 1
POSTPONED MATCHES: Scottish Cup: Third round: Ardrieonians v Falkirk; Stenhousemuir v Stranraer. Central League: Second division: Port Vale v Rotherham. Irish League: Glentoran v Portadown
MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Peterborough 7, Northampton 2
IRISH CUP: Distillery 3, Dunmurray 1.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend 13, South Wales Police 17; Cross Keys 8, Newbridge 18; Glamorgan Wanderers 15, Swansea 27; Llanelli 54, Ebbw Vale 12; Moseley 42, Loughborough Students 6

RUGBY LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Castleford 30, St Helens 12; Wigan 28, Widnes 12.

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

FA CUP: Fourth round: Darlington 1, Telford United 1
FIRST DIVISION: Southampton 1, Sunderland 0
THIRD DIVISION: Bristol Rovers 1, Bolton Wanderers 2; Orient 1, Millwall 0
FOURTH DIVISION: Southend United 2, Corchester United 5
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: First round, first leg: Burnley 5, Stockport County 1, Port Vale 1, Northampton Town 1. Second leg: Tranmere Rovers 4, Blackpool 1
FA VASE: Fourth round: Chesham 2, Sharpness 7, Braintree 2, Harefield 0 (aet).
HERTFORDHIRE SENIOR CUP: Quarter-final: Hitchin 1, St Albans 0 (after extra time).
SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Hitachi Cup, third round: Staines 2, Letchworth 0. First division: Clapton 4, Aveley 3. Second division north: Stevenage 2, Berkhamsted 1, Ware 1, Heybridge 1. Second division south: Rainham 0, Uxbridge 5
HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Third round: Portsalls 2, Farnborough 3.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Hayes 0, Enfield 0
KENT SENIOR CUP: Second round: Welling 2, Dartford 1
SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Kingstonian 2, Sutton 2.
ESSEX THAMES-SIDE TROPHY: Second round: Barking 0, Hornchurch 2.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Finchley 1, Leytonstone and Ilford 0
SCOTTISH CUP: Third round replay: East Fife 0, Brechin 4
WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Swansea City 7, Sully 1
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton 0, Derby 1, Bradford City 1, Stoke 1. Second division: Sunderland 1, Middlesbrough 4
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 0, QPR 1, Charlton 2, Millwall 3; Tottenham 3, Luton 1; Fulham 1, Ipswich 2.
FA TROPHY: First round: Merthyr Tydfil 3, Croydon 3 (replay today). First round replay: Barnet 3, Dagenham 2.
HITACHI CUP: Staines 2, Leatherhead 0.
POSTPONED: Scottish Cup: Third round: Cowdenbeath v St Mirren. Third round replay: Clyde v Raith. Central League: First division: Notts County v Barnsley. Manchester United v Sheffield United. Second division: Grimsby v Leeds. Servowarm Isthmian League: Premier division: Leatherhead v Maidenhead.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCH: Penarth 3, Tredegar 26.

RUGBY LEAGUE
SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Preliminary round: Barrow 12, Halifax 28; Salford 14, Featherstone 6
FIRST DIVISION: Oldham 16, Bradford Northern 14.

## FOR THE RECORD

CRESTA RUN
ST MORITZ: Inter Services Championships: Prince Philip Trophy: 1, Army; 2, Royal Navy; 3, Royal Air Force. Lord Trenchard Trophy (individual): 1, Lt W K Shipton (3rd Bn RGJ) 164.05; 2, Col A C Usborne (RN, HMS Arthur) 168.48; 3, Maj J W A Woodall (4/7 RDG) 172.00. Asty Speed Cup (fastest time): Lt Shipton, 54.44; Harland Trophy (team reserves and ret. servicemen): 1, Lt D F Bamber (RN, rtd), 173.61; 2, Capt M A Innes (RM, RMR) 174.01; 3, Offr. Cdt J M K Buckley (rtd, Duke of Wellington's regt) 174.92.

FOOTBALL
MONTEVIDEO: International: Uruguay 3 (Aguilera, da Silva, Fransescoli), East Germany 0 (att: 63,000).
KUALA LUMPAR: Inter-City tournament: Kuala Lumpar 2 Swansea City 0.

BASKETBALL
MADRID: Messe's European Cup-Winners' Cup: Quarter-finals: Granos Ac Zalgiris Kaunas (USSR) bt CAI Zaragoza (Sp) 89-85; Banaue (It: Barcelona (Sp) bt Asrel Villerbanne (Fr) 96-86.

CYCLING
COPENHAGEN: Six-day races: (after fifth night): 1, G Frank/H-H Oersted (Den), 448pts; 2nd a lap behind: 2, J Kristen/H Rindin (WG), 368; 3, R Pijnen/D Clark (Neth/Aus), 218; 4, S Tourne/E de Wilde (Bel), 157; two laps behind: 5, R and S Hamann (Liech), 425; 6, H Schuetz/S Schroepfer (WG), 178.

ATHLETICS
COVENTRY: King Henry VIII's School: Cross-country relay: (6 x 2 miles): 1, Coventry School, King Henry VIII 72min 55sec; 2, Calday Grange, Marleyside 73.30; 3, St Albans School 74.02; 4, Dr Challoner's School, Amersham 74.12; 5, Shrewsbury School 74.15; 6, Deepings School, Peterborough 74.18. Fastest individuals: 1, J Robson (Calday Grange), 11.24. 2, D Horsfall-Taylor (Cranbrook School), 11.37; 3, I Lockett (Calday Grange), 11.41.

RUGBY UNION
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: RAF - 31, Oxford University 23; Cambridge University 12, Royal Navy 10.

TENNIS
MARCO ISLAND, Florida: Women's championship (US, unless stated): Singles, first round: P Louie bt E Minter (Aust) 6–0, 6–1; R Fairbank (SA) bt L Savchenko (USSR) 6–2, 6–1; T Holladay bt L Smylie (Aust) 6–4, 2–6, 6–4; C Karlsson (Swe) bt R Reggi (It) 4–6, 6–1, 6–4; P Delhasa (Aust) bt S Nasiorski 2–6, 6–2, 6–2; V Wade (GB) bt W Wilson 6–4, 6–4. Second round: C Tanner (Fr) bt V Ruzici (Rom) 0–6, 6–0, 6–3; S Graf (WG) bt E Burgin 6–2, 7–6; S Walsh bt M Schropp (WG) 7–5, 6–3; L Bonder bt S Reha 1–6, 6–3, 6–4; C Benjamin bt D Spencer (default); P Casala bt G Purdy 6–2, 6–0; L Drescher (Switz) bt G Kim 6–1, 6–2; C Lindquist (Swe) bt E Inoue (Jpn) 6–3, 6–1; K Jordan bt L McNeil 6–1, 6–1

## SNOW REPORTS

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SCOTLAND: Cairngorms: Upper and middle runs: Complete wide cover of wet snow. Lower slopes: Complete, wet snow. Vertical runs: 1,800ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 1,700ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: Complete, but narrow. Wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: Ample nursery areas. Wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 1,000ft. Glenisla: Upper runs: Complete. Wet snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: Runs almost clear. Wet snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 1,200ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,200ft. Lecht: Upper and middle runs: Complete, wide snow cover. Hard-packed snow on a firm base. Lower slopes: Ample nursery areas. Hard-packed snow on a firm base. Vertical runs: 700ft. Hill and main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,200ft.

AUSTRALIA GAMES

# Smith shows his old style to win sprint title

Melbourne (Reuter) – Calvin Smith, the world record holder, won the Australia Games 100 metres title yesterday with a flowing performance in his first competitive run over the distance in five months. Smith, who holds the world record mark of 9.93sec, recovered from a slow start to record 10.53sec and win from the Australians Paul Singleton and Clayton Kearney.

Afterwards Smh, who had not raced over 100 metres since August, said: "I felt good, but I didn't have the stride I would have had in the latter part of the season. I could feel I wasn't in the best shape but I have to be pleased."

Smith was hoping to beat the Australian open record of 10.18sec, held by his compatriot Mel Lattany but his attempt was not helped by three false starts in the race.

ATHLETICS: Winners: 100m: C Smith (Aus) 10.53sec. 800m: P Scammell (Aus) 1min 49.65sec. Long Jump: G Honey (Aus) 7.81m. Pole vault: M Kolosa (Pol) 5.52m

BADMINTON: British results: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: A Goode (GB) bt D Todd (Aus) 15-9, 15-6. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: J Sutton (GB) bt T Small (Aus) 11-1, 11-1; L Mulasartsathorn (Thai) bt F Elliott (GB) 11-6, 1-11, 12-11. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: J Sutton and F Elliott (GB) bt T Small and K Jupp (Aus) 15-2, 15-2
BASKETBALL: Men: First round: Australia 80 Brazil 68, Spirs Express (US) 89, China 80. Women: China 97 Team Canada 56, Australian 94, Texas All Stars 57
VOLLEYBALL: Japan bt Australia 3-2.

# 'Aussie factor' brings delight and dilemma

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY
Keith Macklin

At a recent Rugby League social function in Halifax, a seemingly harmless sequence of events occurred which was symbolic of the current dilemma within the sport. Before a gathering of nearly 500 Halifax supporters, the whole team squad was introduced from the stage. However, because the stage at Arden Road Liberal Club was a bit cramped, the English players went up first, then made way for the Australians.

The spokesman for the English members of the Halifax team was Alan Hardisty, a former Great Britain international and now physiotherapist at the Thrum Hall ground. When the Australians came up, a few words on their behalf were spoken by Chris Anderson, a former international, now a coach at Halifax.

When Halifax played Leeds two weeks ago in what is normally a full-blooded West Riding derby at Headingley, the 26 players who took the field in this traditional Yorkshire clash included 15 from Australia. Ten of the 13 Halifax players were Australians imported by a wealthy Rugby League enthusiast, David Brook, of Modern Maintenance Products, the firm which sponsored the 1984 Australasian tour by Great Britain. Brook has made it a personal crusade to revive the fortunes of Halifax.

There is no doubt of the outstanding initial success of the venture. Thrum Hall gates have swelled from just over 1,000 in the second division last season to a high of nearly 8,000 for the fixture with Bradford Northern on Boxing Day. Halifax seem certain to retain their first division place after a series of ups and downs between the divisions. In the John Player Special Trophy they won at Warrington and St Helens on their way to a narrow defeat by Hull Kingston Rovers in the semi-final.

Yet the very success of the Aussie factor is at the heart of Rugby League's dilemma, and the source of concern in the long term.

The mixed feelings were apparent at Arden Road Liberal Club. "There's no doubt that Rugby League is alive again in Halifax," said one supporter. "The whole town is buzzing about it, and people are going to work talking Thrum Hall again." Then he put his finger on the problem. "But what happens when all the Aussie lads go back in April and May for the start of their own season, and Halifax have to rely on their English players? What will happen if the Australians don't come back next season, and we have to start from scratch again?"

His friend joined the conversation "Make no mistake about it, we love to see the Aussies throwing he ball about and winning matches, but in the mean time what happens to our own juniors and colts and the good English lads who won promotion last season?"

These thoughts were constructively echoed by Colin Dixon, the former Halifax and Salford forward, who became coach at Thrum Hall and was sacked after half a dozen games to make way for Chris Anderson and the Australian invasion. Dixon is now commercial manager, is still loyal to the club, but still smarts at the rebuff. "Chris is doing a fine short term job, but if he really cares about Halifax in the long term he must start taking some notice of the youngsters and colts coming through. He must develop them and give them a chance."

Alan Hardisty was typically blunt." There's no doubt there's been a great revival in Halifax and the Aussie lads can certainly teach us a lot about fitness and dedication. But we can still teach them a thing or two about ball skills and reading the game, and we must not neglect our own good players."

Mick Scott, the former Halifax forward now with Wigan, who has the Crown and Anchor pub in the village of Mixenden, adopted a pragmatic approach. "If they play good football, bring in the crowds and win wearing that blue and white jersey, that's good enough for me." That view also comes from Jack Wilkinson, a former aggressive prop forward for Halifax and Great Britain, who has thumped a few Aussies in his time. He thinks the Kangaroos have brought Thrum Hall back to life.

# Leeds enlist top coach

The Australian influence on English Rugby League developed still further yesterday when Leeds achieved an ambition they have been pursuing for at least two seasons. They announced the appointment of an Australian coach, Malcolm Clift, who latterly has been a team selector and adviser to the coach, Warren Ryan, at Canterbury-Bankstown, champions of the Sydney competition.

Leeds have been chasing top Australian coaches for sometime, and Clift's appointment allows the current Leeds coach, Maurice Bamford, the new Great Britain coach, to "move upstairs" as team manager with overall control. Clift will take over on a more permanent basis, should the move prove a success, when Bamford's Great Britain job becomes full time at the end of the season.

Clift is a former three-quarter with Canterbury-Bankstown, and a highly respected coach and coaching adviser. He was recommended to Leeds by Peter Moore, a former Australian tour manager in this country, during Moore's recent holiday in England.

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RACING: BURROUGH HILL LAD MISSES NATIONAL WITH TOP WEIGHT OF 12ST 5LB

# Lucky Vane the early market leader

By Michael Seely

Greasepaint, Hallo Dandy, Classified and West Tip were the most popular tips when the weights were announced for the Grand National, sponsored by Seagrams, in London yesterday. Lucky Vane is the new favourite at 12-1 with most bookmakers. "My horse has been reasonably treated," said Toby Balding, his trainer, "but I reckon that the handicapper has been more than kind to Greasepaint. Classified and West Tip look the best of the newcomers."

Burrough Hill Lad, the winner of the 1985 Cheltenham God Cup and an odds-on favourite to repeat his triumph in March had been alloted 12st 5lb but Jenny Pitman has no intention of allowing this outstanding chaser to attempt to repeat the feats of Sprig and Golden Miller, who defied 12st 4lb and 12st 2lb respectively, in 1927 and 1934. "Don't tell me about the history books", said Mrs Pitman firmly. "I've always said that anything over 12 stone was a killer round Aintree. Stan Riley, Burrough Hill Lad's owner, always listens to my advice and I have told him that I don't want the horse to run."

Hallo Dandy, last year's winner, has been allotted 10st 12lb, ten pounds more than he carried to victory in 1984. Greasepaint, the Irish trained runner-up, has been allowed 13lb for a four length beating. Corbiere has been given 11st 10lb. The 1983 winner is set shoulder 4lb less than the 12st he carried into third place last year. He is 14lb better treated with Hallo Dandy and will meet Greasepaint on 11lb more advantageous terms.

Lucky Vane, who finished fourth under 10st 13lb last year, has been allotted the same weight again.

Predictably, Mrs Pitman complained about the handicapper, Christopher Mordaunt's treatment of Corbiere as well. "I've been struggling with the horse all year to try and get him to recapture his ability. It's not as though I cheat. I always run my horses straight. Every pound over 11st 7lb is crucial over four and a half miles at Liverpool. It's the difference between you blokes running a mile carrying a handbag compared to a suitcase.

"All the media are always in the winner's enclosure with the honour and glory afterwards", Mrs Pitman continued, "but I can tell you that most of the stories come from the back. Corbiere was knackered after carrying 12 stone last year.If Burough Hill Lad is a champion, Corbiere's a hero."

The trainer then apologized for her bad language, but the bewigged former Masters of the Saddlers Company, who were staring down from their portraits in the dining hall, remained unmoved.

Capt Mordaunt said that it was the most difficult race he had ever had to assess and that it's taken him 10 days. "I had to achieve a balance of not being unnecessarily harsh on the top horses and still achieving a fair handicap", he said. "On some form Burrough Hill Lad is well in, even with 12st 5lb, which I consider to be a fair racing weight. One must remember that the handicap for the National is a special one."

A reply was also forthcoming to Mrs Pitman's comment that the National should be assessed by a committee of three. "It has been done by one man since time immemorial. If she feels that that one man is not up to the job, it is her privilege to say so. The lady is a free agent."

Watching the video recording of the 1984 race it was once again noticeable how much ground Corbiere had to make up to reach his final position. And it is hard not to agree with the general opinion that Greasepaint is reasonably treated and that Corbiere has been given two or three pounds too much.

Dick Saunders, the Northamptonshire farmer who rode Grittar to victory in 1982, said, "Greasepaint is obviously well in. But although Hallo Dandy has gone up a lot, he's still got a handy weight. I liked the way Classified won at Cheltenham. He's a quick and economical jumper. West Tip is a decent young horse, but I find it hard to fancy him. He's a bit laboured and probably has a lot to learn".

The ever optimistic Gordon Richards, the trainer of Hallo Dandy, missed the train from Penrith to London, but still sent a message: "I don't think the handicapper has done us any favours, but I still thought we'd get 10lb more. He has brought Corbiere's weight down 4lb which will make it more difficult but 'Dandy' is in fine form and will have a warm-up race in late February or early March. I think he will win again".



Aintree reunion: Neale Doughty greets the 1984 National winner, Hallo Dandy, who with 10st 12lb has been allotted 10lb more in this year's event

Neale Doughty, last year's triumphant jockey, was even more buoyant: "We're in with a hell of a chance" he said.

Dermot Weld, whose Greasepaint is one of the five jumpers among the 90 horses he trains at The Curragh, said from Ireland: "We are 1lb worse off with Corbiere so that's OK. We have been held up by snow and ice, but Greasepaint runs at Leopardstown on Saturday and will have three races in all before Aintree. Hopefully, Tommy Carmody will again take the mount".

Drumlargan is an interesting contender. Last year's Cheltenham Gold Cup third now belongs to Gorgina Bronfman, the wife of the chairman of Seagrams. "He's been trained for Cheltenham again, but we'll then go to Aintree", said Edward O'Grady, the trainer.

BETTING: Ladbrokes: 10-1 Lucky Vane, 11 Greasepaint, 12 Hallo Dandy, 14 Corbiere, 20 Drumlargan, West Tip.

Hills: 12 Lucky Vane, 14 Corbiere, 14 Hallo Dandy, 16 Greasepaint, 20 Tacroy, West Tip.

Mecca: 11 Corbiere, 12 Greasepaint, 14 Hallo Dandy, Lucky Vane, 20 West Tip, Tacroy.

Coral: 12 Greasepaint, 14 Corbiere, Lucky Vane, 16 Hallo Dandy, 20 West Tip, 25 Drumlargan.

Tote: 12 Lucky Vane, 14 Corbiere, Greasepaint, Hallo Dandy, 20 Tacroy, 25 Broomy Bank.

## Grand National entries and weights

SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL (Handicap Chase, 4m 4f, Liverpool, March 30): Burrough Hill Lad 9-12-5, Wayward Lad 10-12-0, Corbiere 10-11-10, Drumlargan 1-11-8, Ballinacurra Lad 10-11-5, Straight Accord 10-11-0, Greasepaint 10-10-13, Lucky Vane 10-10-13, Hallo Dandy 11-10-12, Broomy Bank 10-10-7, Fethard Friend 10-10-7, Classified 9-10-7, Don't Forget 11-10-4, Tacroy 11-10-3, Pasty Sandy 11-10-2, Last Suspect 11-10-2, Duke of Milan 8-10-2, Gayle Warning 11-10-2, Good Crack 8-10-1, Scot Lane 12-10-1, West Tip 8-10-1.

Fortina's Express 11-10-1, Grey Warbler 11-10-1, Kumbi 10-10-0, Dallimore 7-9-13, Yer Man 10-9-11, Musso 9-9-11, Dudie 7-9-10, Rupertino 10-9-10, Hy-Ko 9-9-8, Imperial Black 9-9-8, Shady Deal 12-9-7, Poyntz Pass 10-9-7, Tubberady 8-9-7, Darby Creek 7-9-7, The Drunken Duck 12-9-6, Silent Valley 12-9-6, Talon 10-9-6, Onapromise 9-9-6, Tom Miller 8-9-5, Knockawad 8-9-4, Why Forget 9-9-4, Doubleuagain 11-9-3.

Macks Friendly 8-9-3, Blackrath Prince 9-9-2, Hill Of Slane 9-9-2, Royal Appointment 10-9-0, Cockle Strand 12-8-13, Artimarvel 12-8-13, Solihull Sport 11-8-12, Door Step 9-8-12, Clonthurtin 11-8-12, Ballymilan 8-8-12, Whistling Senator 9-8-11, Port Askaig 10-8-11, Fauloon 10-8-11, Bashful Lad 10-8-11, Cross 10-8-11, Pirate Son 9-8-11, Bonum Omen 11-8-10, Roadhead 12-8-10, Mr Snugfit 8-8-10, Brave Jack 9-8-10, Glenfox 8-8-9, Monanore 8-8-9, Cloncormick 10-8-9, Another Captain 13-8-9, Titan Wood 8-8-8, Marcolo 8-8-7.

Never Tamper 10-8-7, Roman Bistro 9-8-7, Master Tercel 9-8-6, Captain Parkhill 12-8-6, Galleon Beach 9-8-6, Foxbury 11-8-5, Santa Noel 9-8-5, Staccato 12-8-5, Woodlands Lad 10-8-4, Greenbank Park 8-8-4, Succeeded 8-8-4, De Pluvinel 12-8-2, Laney Dual 10-7-13, Luck Daughter 9-7-13, Our Cloud 9-7-12, Misty Buskins 10-7-12, Three Chances 6-7-12, Carnivals Over 7-7-12, Immigrate 12-7-10, Greenhill Hall 9-7-8, Royal Norman 9-7-7, Northern Bay 9-7-5, Nicky Tam 12-7-4, Keep A Promise 7-7-4, Insure 7-7-4, Howarth Highway 9-7-4, Rockin Berry 10-7-3, First Glance 9-7-1, Oakprime 10-7-0, Grandogan 10-6-13. Canny Danny withdrawn – No weight allocated. First acceptors, February 12.

# Saunders set for Lingfield treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Saunders, a winner twice already over three miles on Lingfield's perennially soft winter ground, is napped to record his third success on the Surrey course by landing the Felcourt Handicap Chase today.

When last seen at Lingfield, on the third day of this month, Saunders finished 20 lengths ahead of Laurence Rambler, one of his opponents this afternoon. On only 6 lb worse terms, he certainly ought to be capable of confirming his superiority, even allowing for the fact that was Laurence Rambler's first race for a while.

In his previous race, also over today's course and distance, Saunders had split Maori Venture and Manton Castle. With Maori Venture then winning the Tote Mandarin Chase at Newbury and Manton Castle beating Donegal Prince at Windsor, that form has a gilt-edged ring about it.

Giving Saunders a stone, Manton Castle finished 12 lengths behind my selection that day. This afternoon he has to make the same weight concession.

Rock Saint, another with not only a good record at Lingfield but also decent overall recent form, is certainly not one to be trifled with. However his best performances have been only over 2½ miles. Hy-Ko, the only other runner in this small but lively field, won well over even further at Warwick in November, but his form has tapered off in the meantime.

Barrera Lad, third at Lingfield earlier this month behind Bob Tisdall who was successful at Hereford yesterday, can win the Worth Wood Handicap Hurdle.

Otherwise it should pay to follow John Francome at Lingfield. The champion jockey has a good chance of winning the first race for John Jenkins on Indiana Dare (1.15) and an even better chance of winning the last for Fred Winter on Larry-O.

Tamino (1.30), Admiral's Cup (2.0) and Allen Lad (3.0), stable companions of Larry-O in Fred Winter's Upper Lambourn yard, appear to have fine chances of also getting in the money at Towcester.

While the finger of form certainly points to Greenbank Park winning the Yardley Gobion Handicap Chase – he split the recent winners Sommelier and West Tip in that tight finish at Newbury last month – I still just prefer Good As Ever, who has won twice already over today's testing course and distance this season.

## LINGFIELD PARK

GOING: heavy

Tote double: 2.45, 3.45. Treble: 2.15, 3.15, 4.15

**1.15 GODSTONE NOVICE CHASE** (Div I: £1,573: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

103 000/000 ALOA (D Manthorpe) A Moore 6-11-1 ... G Moore
104 21-0bcf BELGROVE LAD (BF) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 7-11-1 ... R Dunwoody
105 40f/0p BROOKLANDS (K Baker) D Barons 8-11-1 ... Mr C Thornton 7
107 210/0f CONQUERING (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 7-11-1 ... J Duggan 4
111 433-pp1 INDIANA DARE (B) (Mrs D Cousins) J Jenkins 8-11-1 ... J Francome
115 p/popp0 KRAKUS (Mrs T Palmer) T Palmer 9-11-1 ... Mrs P Palmer
116 /0-0020 MIDDLE-MARK (M Kemp-Gee) M Madgwick 7-11-1 ... A Madgwick 4
119 0/0020 TEN BELOW (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 7-11-1 ... M Kinane
122 0024-02 TWO EAGLES (G Steinberg) R Armytage 6-11-1 ... A Webber

1984: Simon Legree 7-10-11 Mr P Hobbs (9-1) J Gifford 14 ran.

11-4 Indiana Dare, 3 Belgrove Lad, 7-2 Conquering, 9-2 Two Eagles, 8 Ten Below, 14 Middle-Mark, 20 others.

FORM: KRAKUS (12-4) bad 5th of 6 finishers here (2m ch, £1,701, soft, Jan 3) in which BELGROVE LAD (11-3), lying 2nd with every chance, fell 2 out. CONQUERING (11-0) 4th when fell 2 out in race won by Drumadowney (11-8) at Newbury (3m ch, £1,999, soft, Dec 29, 8 ran). INDIANA DARE (11-2) beat Ever Great (12-1) 10l at Newbury (3m h'cap hdle, £1,802, soft, Dec 3, 13 ran). TWO EAGLES (11-0) 20l 2nd of 3 finishers to The Foodbroker (11-5) at Kempton (2m ch, £2,019, good to soft, Dec 27).
Selection: TWO EAGLES.

### Lingfield selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Indiana Dare. 1.45 Opening Bars. 2.15 The Duise. 2.45 Barrera Lad. 3.15 SAUNDERS (nap). 3.45 Grange Heights. 4.15 Larry-O.

**1.45 HEDDON NOVICE HURDLE** (Div I: £548: 2m) (9)

205 0 MIGHTY MUDDLE (C Glyn) S Mellor 6-11-3 ... M Perrett
210 00/ TINPAN TOI (P Williams) A Davison 8-11-3 ... –
211 121 OPENING BARS (CD) (C Nelson) D Oughton 4-11-1 ... P Double
213 02-3420 MAJUBA ROAD (D Wright) D Barons 5-10-12 ... Mr C Thornton 7
217 00p CANONBURY FLYER (K Linwood) Pat Mitchell 4-10-5 ... M Furlong
218 30 DIAMONDS HIGH (BF) (J Musson) P Mitchell 4-10-5 ... R Dunwoody
220 0 FOREVA GREY (Mrs B Burchett) A Moore 4-10-5 ... G Moore
221 0 KAYTONERRY ROYAL (Mrs K Baldry) J D Davies 4-10-5 ... A Jones 7
223 03 CARADO (B Wheatley) M Pipe 4-10-0 ... P Leach

1984: Shenton Way 4-10-5 R Hyett (Evens fav) J Jenkins 14 ran.

5-4 Opening Bars, 9-4 Diamonds High, 9-2 Majuba Road, 6 Carado, 10 Mighty Muddle, 14 others.

FORM: OPENING BARS (11-2) all out to beat Maxiara (10-10) a head over course and distance (£744, heavy, Dec 22, 20 ran), with DIAMONDS HIGH (10-10) head away 3rd, CANONBURY FLYER (10-10) out of first 9. DIAMONDS HIGH, last time, (10-9) not recover from mistake 7th when 22l 5th of 15 to Young Buckers (10-9) at Fontwell (2m 2f hdle, £548, soft, Dec 28), with CANONBURY FLYER (10-9) 9th. MAJUBA ROAD (10-9) 24½l 6th of 16 to Cats Eyes (11-5) at Newton Abbot (2m hdle, £1,408, soft, Nov 27). CARADO (10-3) 17½l 3rd to Thunder Rock (11-3) at Devon (2m 1f hdle, £810, heavy, Jan 1).
Selection: DIAMONDS HIGH.

**2.15 GODSTONE NOVICE CHASE** (Div II: £1,571: 2m 4f) (8)

308 0000-02 EUSEBIO (A Sandeman) D Oughton 7-11-1 ... P Double
312 bp-3430 IVACOP (F Starr) B Stevens 6-11-1 ... C Brown
317 1241-0p NAVAJO BRAVE (H Barrett) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-11-1 ... R Goldstein
320 00-203 THE DUISE (D Peake) K Bailey 7-11-1 ... M Richards
321 THE FRUIT (R Ledger) R Ledger 6-11-1 ... Mrs N Ledger
324 DIRECT CALL (Mrs A Harmes) M Francis 8-10-10 ... J Francome
325 00-p840 EVENING SONG (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 6-10-10 ... NON-RUNNER
328 3-pf2 SOUTHERN BIRD (A Golding) D Grissell 6-10-10 ... J Akehurst

1984: No corresponding division.

5-2 Ivacop, 7-2 Eusebio, Southern Bird, 4 The Duise, 8 The Fruit, 10 Navajo Brave, 12 Direct Call.

FORM: EUSEBIO (11-2) 15l 2nd of 3 finishers to Mount Harvard (11-2) here (2m ch, £1272, heavy, Dec 22). IVACOP (10-10) 33½l last of 6 to Buckbe (10-8) at Ascot (2m 4f ch, £5472, good to soft, Dec 15). THE DUISE (11-4) 11l 3rd of 13 to Paddatin (11-4) at Towcester (2m 5f Nov hdle, £548, soft, Jan 2), with TEN BELOW (11-4) 8th. THE FRUIT (11-7) about 7l 3rd of 8 to Normazoo (10-11) in Folkestone Bumpers' (2m, £600, hard, May 15). SOUTHERN BIRD (1-5 fl) 2nd of 16 to Overaway (11-1 at Huntingdon (2m 4f ch, £1,515, good, Dec 12).
SELECTION SOUTHERN BIRD

**2.45 WORTH WOOD HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,263: 2m) (5)

403 014-p0p CITY LINK EXPRESS (D) (City Link Transport) D Wilson 8-11-7 ... Steve Knight
408 ppp-00f CHARJIM (CD) (D Murrell) A Moore 7-10-12 ... G Moore
409 01-0003 BARRERA LAD (CD) (T McGee) D Elsworth 5-10-12 ... R Arnott 4
411 00100-0 SILVER MAID (Mrs B Davis) M Pipe 6-10-0 ... P Leach
412 14406/4 CALISOLON (CD) (G Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 11-10-0 ... M Furlong

1984: Jade And Diamond 6-10-8 R Chapman (6-2) G Balding 8 ran.

5-4 Barrera Lad, 5-2 Calisolon, 9-2 Silver Maid, 8 City Link Express, 12 Charjim.

FORM CHARJIM faller last time, earlier (10-10) 8th of 23 to Braunston Brook (10-12) at windsor, when BARRERA LAD (10-6) was out of the first 9 (2m hdle, £1265, soft, Nov 19). BARRERA LAD has since run 9½l 3rd (10-0) to Bob Tisdall (11-10) here, when CALISOLON (10-0) was another 4l away, 4th and CITY LINK EXPRESS (10-9) 8th (2m hdle, £2106, soft, Jan 3, 9 ran). HIGH HEAVEN (10-2) blundered last when 10l 2nd of 17 to Chelsea Maid (111-3) at Worndspr (2m 6f hdle, £1326, good to soft, Jan 1).
SELECTION CALISOLON.

**3.15 FELCOURT HANDICAP CHASE** (£2,753: 3m) (5)

501 p32100 HY-KO (D) (Mrs M Brubaker) D Gandolfo 9-11-10 ... P Croucher 4
502 10-4231 MANTON CASTLE (D) (R Shaw) R Armytage 11-11-9 ... A Webber
504 0f0112 ROCK SAINT (C) (BF) (G Gregson) G Gregson 8-10-12 ... P Nicholls
506 3-04321 SAUNDERS (CD) (T Clay) T Clay 11-10-9 ... G Moore
508 3/3 LAURENCE RAMBLER (S Tindall) S Mellor 11-10-8 ... M Perrett

1984: Tracy's Special 7-11-7 S C Knight (Evens fav) A Turnell 4 ran.

9-4 Saunders, 5-2 Manton Castle, 3 Rock Saint, 4 Hy-Ko, 8 Laurence Rambler.

FORM: HY-KO 8th (10-4) to Righthand Man (11-5) in Welsh National last time, earlier (10-4) 4l Warwick winner from Winning Brief (10-1) (3m 5f ch, £5,871, good to soft, Nov 17, 5 ran). MANTON CASTLE (10-5) all out to beat Donegal Prince (10-2) 2l at Windsor (3m 4f ch, £2,890, good to soft, Jan 1, 6 ran). ROCK SAINT, 30l 2nd (10-13) to Bright Morning (10-3) over 2m last time, previously (11-0) ran on well to beat Tom Tailor (11-1) 5l here (2m ch, £2,313, heavy, Dec 22, 6 ran). SAUNDERS (10-1) had LAURENCE RAMBLER (10-5) 20l back in 3rd when winning unchallenged here (3m ch, £2,054, soft, Jan 3, 6 ran).
Selection: SAUNDERS.

**3.45 EDENBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,165: 2m) (7)

601 1000-0 TOMPION (CD) (A Sandeman) D Oughton 11-12-7 ... L Jenkins 7
602 043-000 BEEN MUGGED (L Grouse) D Gandolfo 9-11-6 ... P Croucher
603 34f-pp0 DAY AFTER (B) (Mrs S James) A James 9-11-2 ... M Caswell
604 202313 POMPOUS PRINCE (M Bryant) S Woodman 12-11-1 ... P Corrigan
606 01-pf43 GRANGE HEIGHTS (J Parish) P Butler 10-10-3 ... A Jones
607 240022 CITY MARATHON (R Orgles) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-10-2 ... G Charles-Jones
608 0-p0034 BIC ROLLER (T Thorn) J Bridger 6-10-0 ... N Fearn 4

1984: Ten Bears 6-11-10 G Charles-Jones (7-2 jt-fav) T M Jones 9 ran.

9-4 City Marathon, 3 Pompous Prince, 7-2 Tompion, 6 Grange Heights, 8 Bic Roller, 12 others

FORM: TOMPION (11-13) 14l 6th of 10 to Phinorm (10-10) at Huntingdon (2m 100yds ch, £1,215, good, Dec 12). CITY MARATHON (10-14) 15l 2nd and POMPOUS PRINCE (11-4) another 12l back 3rd of 13 to River Warrior (10-7) in 2m 4f selling chase here (£855, soft, Jan 3). Previously POMPOUS PRINCE (11-6) beat CITY MARATHON (10-10) 2l in Fontwell seller. In GRANGE HEIGHTS (11-3) 10l further away in 3rd (2m 2f 110yds ch, £837, heavy, Dec 28, 7 ran). BIC ROLLER (10-12) Never Nearer 4th, beaten 35l to Romana Mia (10-12) at Windsor (2m ch, £1,244, good to soft, Jan 1).
Selection: GRANGE HEIGHTS.

**4.15 HEDDON NOVICE HURDLE** (Div II: £548: 2m) (7)

3 1 LARRY-O (CD) (D Andrews) F Winter 6-11-8 ... J Francome
5 0 BOARDMANS STYLE (Maj J Rubin) A Turnell 7-11-3 ... Steve Knight
11 p840- TELEPHONE NUMBERS (K Higson) A Moore 5-11-3 ... G Moore
12 f NEPTUNE'S STAR (B Weston) Pat Mitchell 5-10-12 ... A Small
20 u000p FREE BUCK (Miss V Bishop) I Campbell 4-10-5 ... R Campbell
22 INLANDER (J Daniels) J D Davies 4-10-5 ... A Jones 7
24 0 POTTSTOWN (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 4-10-5 ... R Dunwoody

1984: Ever Great 511-3 P Double (8-1) D Oughton 11 ran.

4-5 Larry-O, 7-2 Pottstown, 5 Boardmans Style, 8 Inlander, 14 Telephone Numbers, 20 others.

FORM: LARRY-O (11-3) beat Taylorstown (11-3) 2l over course and distance (£548, soft, Jan 3, 10 ran). BOARDMANS STYLE (11-0) 9m of 19 to Hypnotic (10-13) at Ascot (2m hdle, £2,080, good, Oct 31). POTTSTOWN (11-0) 38l 6th of 14 to Beat The Retreat (11-8) at Sandown (2m hdle, £1,959, good to soft, Jan 5).
Selection: LARRY-O.

## TOWCESTER

GOING: soft

**1.30 MARSTON NOVICE HURDLE** (Div I: £744: 2m) (16 runners)

4 00/p AIREDALE JUNCTION (R Allsop) R Brazington 7-11-0 ... C Jones
5 ALSIRE (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 6-11-0 ... R Strange
8 340400 BRYMA (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 5-11-0 ... A Griffiths
10 24 CHEEKY RUPERT (BF) (Nutwood Racing) E Eldin 5-11-0 ... J Barlow
11 3-0 CHURCH HALL (B Wood) Earl Jones 6-11-0 ... J Doyle 4
13 p GUART (Mrs J Scrivens) J Cosgrove 5-11-0 ... –
16 132 I'M A DEALER (BF) (C Strivens) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ... M Bowlby 7
17 020p-04 JAUNTER (J Edwards) W Mann 5-11-0 ... P Carvill
18 p LITTLE GRIT (Major R Thorman) D Tucker 7-11-0 ... P Davies
23 0 PERISCOPE (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 5-11-0 ... J White
26 pp0u STARGAZE (P Smith) M Chapman 5-11-0 ... G Evans 7
28 00-2 TULLYBUCK (E Knight) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 ... M Pitman 7
31 00 CAUCHEMAR (N Delamain) Mrs J Barrow 6-10-9 ... Peter Hobbs
35 COPERNICO (Mrs A Mulligan) M O Halloran 4-10-5 ... G Newman
38 03 TAMINO (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 4-10-5 ... B De Haan
40 GREAT LINE (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 4-10-0 ... M Hammond

1984: Regency Tam 4-10-5 J Suthern (2-1 fav) N Callaghan 17 ran.

2 Tamino, 3 I'm A Dealer, 4 Cheeky Rupert, 6 Tullybuck, 8 Periscope, 10 Jaunter, 12 others.

### Towcester selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Tamino. 2.0 Admiral's Cup. 2.30 Professor Plum. 3.0 Allen Lad. 3.30 Good As Ever. 4.0 Kevin Evans.

By Michael Seely

1.30 Tullybuck. 2.30 Leith Hill Flyer. 3.30 GREENBANK PARK (nap).

**2.0 DENTON NOVICE CHASE** (£1,207: 2m 50yd) (8)

4 000-102 ADMIRAL'S CUP (R E A Bott) F Winter 7-11-5 ... B De Haan
11 32p4-40 HENRY BELL (Miss A Coffess) K Bailey 7-11-5 ... A Webb
12 000p0p/ HURRICANE CHARLIE (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 8-11-5 ... E Waite
15 000200- KING HUSTLER (H Kay) N Henderson 8-11-5 ... S Smith Eccles
21 000-00 SIRRAGE (S Holmes) S Holmes 6-11-5 ... B Wright
23 /p00u-0 SUDBROOKE PARK (C Hague) N Crump 7-11-5 ... M Brennan
25 30-30ub FLYING MISTRESS (T Bell) J Webber 7-11-0 ... G Mernagh
26 032p3-f HENRY GEARY STEELS (F Pullen) R Champion 5-10-10 ... G McCourt

1984: (2m 5f 110yds) Div I. Quarrier 7-11-5 H Davies (4-1) T Forster 16 ran. Div II: Trust The King 7-11-5 Mr J White (Evens fav) N Henderson 14 ran. Div III: Sheba's Boy 7-11-5 B de Haan (3-2) F Winter 16 ran.

1-2 Admiral's Cup, 3 Flying Mistress, 6 King Hustler, 10 Henry Geary Steels, 14 others.

**2.30 ROTHERSTHORPE HANDICAP CHASE** (£954, 2m 50yd) (5)

1 /2-10f1 PROFESSOR PLUM (CD) (Mrs C Matheson) T Forster 12-11-13 ... H Davies
2 /0-0400 RHEINFORD (C) (R Allsop) J Old 8-11-3 ... P Murphy
3 000/111 LEITH HILL FLYER (D Powles Hunt) P Mitchell 9-11-3 ... Mr S Sherwood
5 0/30p20 ABO ACE (G Hubbard) R Champion 7-10-3 ... G McCourt
6 43233-4 BRAHMS AND LISZT (CD) (J Parish) P Butler 9-10-2 ... G Williams 7

1984: Big Jake 6-11-5 E Waite (Evens fav) A Turnell 8 ran.

5-4 Professor Plum, 7-4 Leith Hill Flyer, 8 Brahms And Liszt, 10 Abo Ace, 12 Rheinford.

**3.0 MARSTON NOVICE HURDLE** (Div II: £735: 2m) (15)

4 3 ALLEN LAD (BF) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 6-11-0 ... R Linley
5 0 AMERICK (P Winfield) P Cundell 5-11-0 ... S Smith Eccles
7 00 BRADBURY (J Bryant) D Brennan 6-11-0 ... M Brennan
10 p DESERTER (B) (Mrs M Duffy) J Spearing 6-11-0 ... P Carvill
15 2 MR QUICK (S Spokes) W Wharton 6-11-0 ... P Scudamore
17 4030-22 MY SNIP (E Lagg) R Hodges 11-11-0 ... C Gray
18 NARFORD (Mrs P Harris) P W Harris 5-11-0 ... R Strange
19 P00 ROYAL BOX (Lady Part) A Turnell 6-11-0 ... E Waite
21 p STABLE LAD (C Moorson) J Edwards 6-11-0 ... P Barton
24 0010 TRACK RHYTHM (D) (Miss J Chater) J Webber 5-11-0 ... G McCourt
28 00-p HOPEFUL CHIMES (Miss C Reynolds) Mrs J Croft 6-10-9 ... R Dickin
31 0u NICOLA LOUISE (M Evans) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-9 ... B De Haan
32 0 OZRA (A Hodge) W Perrin 6-10-9 ... M Bowlby 7
40 4 TRACY'S (Maj J Rubin) J Old 4-10-5 ... P Murphy
41 21 SEDGE (D) (C Wright) H O'Neill 4-10-0 ... M Hammond

1984: Finnesko 6-11-0 S Shilston (50-1) F Walwyn 17 ran.

11-10 Allen Lad, 4 Tracy's, 6 Sedge, 8 Mr Quick, 10 My Snip, 14 Track Rhythm, 16 others.

**3.30 YARDLEY GOBION HANDICAP CHASE** (£1,746: 3m 190yd) (7)

5 401p-p4 ROMAN BISTRO (CD) (D Maren-Betts) J Gifford 9-11-7 ... R Rowe
6 4/pof-3 GALLEON BEACH (E Barber) J Edwards 9-11-6 ... P Barton
8 p4213u ROYAL ADMIRAL (CD) (Mrs M Wiggin) T Forster 10-11-6 ... H Davies
10 3p-0002 GREENBANK PARK (R Budge) R Perkins 8-11-4 ... Dai Williams
11 030-0u4 WOODLANDS LAD (CD) (P Pritchard) P Pritchard 10-11-4 ... P Dever
13 1f-3121 GOOD AS EVER (CD) (A Brown) G Kindersley 8-11-0 ... B De Haan
17 0p-2f34 BUCKSOME (Mike Doyle Marketing) B McMahon 12-10-0 ... T Wall

1984: Another Plater 9-9-11 R Strange (10-1) P Bailey 14 ran.

2 Greenbank Park, 5-2 Good As Ever, 4 Roman Bistro, 6 Royal Admiral, 8 Galleon Beach, 10 Woodlands Lad, 12 Bucksome

**4.0 MILL HOUSE HANDICAP HURDLE** (£1,483: 2m 5f 26yd) (20)

3 10-0f00 DANCING SOVEREIGN (B) (Mrs P Dorse) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-8 ... M Pitman 7
4 p-04220 REBEQ (Lord Aston) T Forster 7-11-6 ... H Davies
6 01-pp0p RODNEY PARADE (S Palling) Mrs B Waring 10-11-1 ... M Harrington
7 04p-004 CELTIC TIME Mrs R Denman A Turnell 8-11-1 ... E Waite
9 3-4f019 PELION (BF) (Mrs A Barrett) J King 5-10-13 ... S Smith Eccles
12 1/5-000 MISS GOLDEN EYES (Mrs M Coyle) B McMahon 8-10-8 ... T Wall
15 200033 AMERICAN GIRL (C) (R Keen) H O'Neill 6-10-2 ... M Hammond
18 04-2244 MY CULLEN (D Barrett) D Thom 5-10-0 ... Mr D Murphy 4
19 p00-441 KEVIN EVANS (C) (G Bigglestone) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-0 ... M Bowlby 7
20 p-38470 LE LEVADOR (BF) (D Lawson Hall) Mrs R Lomax 6-10-0 ... A Carroll
21 040f34 SHOEMENDER (P Rodford) P Rodford 8-10-0 ... C Gray
24 003-664 INCENSE (H Attwood) P Bevan 5-10-0 ... –
26 8-00200 PRINCESS HENHAM (J Swain) N Callaghan 5-10-0 ... –
27 40010p/ COUPLINGS (Torsten Ltd) F Walter 8-10-0 ... B De Haan
29 0000-34 HASTY KATE (L W Tory) L Tory 9-10-0 ... R Crank
30 A 30f-p ARCTIC BATTLE (J Styles) W M Perrin 9-10-0 ... A Webber
33 3-02000 ROUTE MARCH (J Walker) P Pritchard 8-10-0 ... P Dever
35 0/44-00 ARCTIC GIPSY (C Underwood) B Palling 9-10-0 ... G Evans 7
37 000000 NOBLE WAY (Safety in Construction) M Chapman 6-10-0 ... G Evans 7
42 00p-p04 OTTERDEN (F Matthews) R Juckes 11-10-0 ... P Carroll

1984: Datra Sue 8-10-8 J Nolan (12-1) B Mellor 21 ran.

5 Kevin Evans, 6 Rebeq, American Girl, 7 My Cullen, 8 Le Levador, Shoemender, 10 Pelion, 12 Couplings, Celtic Time, 14 Princess Henham, 16 others.

# Leith Hill Flyer's Epsom move works wonders

Leith Hill Flyer, who has found a new lease of life since joining Philip Mitchell's Epsom stables last September, completed a treble for him in the Holyport Handicap Chase, at Windsor yesterday. The Foodbroker was disputing the lead with Leith Hill Flyer going to the third last but an indifferent jump put paid to his chances.

Although jumping to the left at the final flight, Leith Hill Flyer still had enough in hand to win by two lengths. The nin-year-old is owned in partnership by Oliver Reed and David Powles Hunt.

He has suffered many injuries to his legs and back and has made a remarkable comeback. Mitchell gives all the credit to his assistant, Simon Dow. "When the horse came to me I assigned Simon to him and the horse has not stopped improving." If he is all right after yesterday's race, Leith Hill Flyer will run again at Towcester today.

Corporal Clinger earned himself a tilt at the Schweppes Gold Trophy with a game victory over Diddelo in the Copper Horse Handicap Hurdle. He has 9st 5lb at Newbury but must carry the minimum of 10 stone plus the further burden of 5lb if Paul Leach rides. Ladbrokes offer only 14-1.

Play the Knave has the Grand Military Gold Cup as a long-term objective after easily beating Grand National entry Glenfox, by eight lengths in the Boveney Handicap Chase. His owner Claude De Berry said: "We will need to find a suitable rider for Sandown."

Bob Tisdall, a 25-1 chance for the Schweppes Gold Trophy at Newbury on Saturday week, provided John Edwards with his second piece of good news of the day when winning the Fred Rimmell hurdle at Hereford.

The Ross-on-Wye trainer earlier had his Grand National hopes lifted when he heard that his two Aintree entries, Broomy Bank and Fethard Friend, had been given 10st 7lb and 10st 5lb respectively. "I'm delighted with both," said Edwards who reported that Broomy Bank had worked well yesterday.

Paul Barton had to shake up Bob Tisdall, the 9-4 on favourite, to hold Gala's Image at bay by a length. However, Edwards said: "I was pleased with that. He idled a bit in front and needs a really good gallop. The Schweppes will suit him and he'll definitely run provided the ground is on the soft side."

Stand Easy, another Schweppes hope, dropped away quickly in the last half mile and was beaten a distance into third place. His trainer, Ian Wardle, said: "This was his first real race for 10 months. I may run him again at Newton Abbot on Friday, then decide about the Schweppes."

● The British jockey Dennis Letherby, who was paralysed from the neck down after a training accident last week, is improving, his doctors said yesterday. Letherby has regained slight movement in his legs and hands and can communicate.

### Windsor results

Going: soft

2.0 1, JIMIAMS (Steve Knight, 10-1); 2, Ziggurat (S Smith Eccles, 10-1); 3, El Ghano (G Charles-Jones, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Ferrero-Kinder, 11-2 Caro Wood (pu), 6 Turkoman (4th), 7 Himarra, Indian Major (5th), 12 Captain Webster, 16 Bossy Boots (f), Monar (pu), Mopsy Lovejoy (pu), Valindre (6th), 20 Namoos, 25 Bearoona, 33 Bad Love (pu), Water Slades, Golden Medina (pu), Burns Lad, Dassalis, Divatian (pu), Playa Singh. 22 ran. 3l, 15l, 3l, 1l, 2l. A Turnell at Marlborough. TOTE: £10.20; £3.40, £2.40, £3.50. DF: £65.40. CSF: £117.45

2.30 1, LEITH HILL FLYER (Mr S Sherwood, 9-4); 2, The Foodbroker (A Webb, 4-7 fav); 3, Bash Street Kid (P Double, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Spanish God (6th), 33 Royal Potion (4th), Little Trouble (5th). 6 ran. 2l, 10l, 15l, dist, sh hd. P Mitchell at Epsom. TOTE: £2.70; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.90.

3.0 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, CORPORAL CLINGER (P Leach, 4-1); 2, Diddelo (R Rowell, 5-1); 3, Mallstreeo (G Charles-Jones, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Fjording, 8 Light Dong (6th), 10 High Heaven (5th), 16 Iowa, 25 Primby's Drive (4th), Derwent King (pu), Pink Path (pu), 33 Morlos, Talleyrand, 66 Prince Pirate (pu). 12 ran. 1l, 20l, 8l, 8l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. TOTE: £5.60; £1.70, £2.90, £1.30. DF: £18.00. CSF: £24.84. Tricast £58.99.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, PLAY THE KNAVE (S Morshead, 7-4); 2, Glenfox (M Perrett, 8-11 fav); 3, Another Plater (P Nicholls, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Playfields (f). 4 ran. 8l, dist. P Bailey at Salisbury. TOTE: £2.40. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.40.

4.0 (3m 40yd ch) 1, BALLIMA (R Goldstein, 10-1); 2, Renira (A Webber, 13-8); 3, Tricky Business (G Moore, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Cresun (5th), 3 Nudge Nudge (f), 25 Gymer (pu), Somersby (4th), 50 Aren't We All (f), Colonel Curtis (pu), Crowman (6th). 10 ran. 1½l, 7½l, 20l, 7½l, dist. D Grissell at Heathfield. TOTE: £27.80; £1.70, £2.20, £1.40. DF: £22.30. CSF: £58.12. TRICAST: £1,428.62.

4.30 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, FOREWARN (D Smith, 25-1); 2, Petit Pain (J Francome, 9-4); 3, Redgrave Artist (H Davies, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Super Grass, 11-2 Celtic Crackle, 8 Princess Possum, 9 Irish Harvest (6th), 10 Lalomy Lad, 14 Fell Climb (dd-ht, 4th), In The Breeze, 16 The Reedcutter (pu), 20 Vino Rosso, 25 Singing Trooper (dd-ht, 4th), 33 Nabeloo (pu), Priory Poacher, White Nile, Flair Van (pu), Briens Boy, Classic Owen. 18 ran. NR: Mighty Steel, Cair Soleil, Sedge. 8l, 20l, 8l, dd-ht, 2l. R Akehurst at Epsom. TOTE: £23.30; £6.00, £1.10, £4.30. DF: £120.70. CSF: £96.05. PLACEPOT: £149.05

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Mrs Peddy, Echo Summit, Crocketory, Arctic Hill, Cape Maddy, Magic Tipp, Prince Hawthorn, Prominello, La Gavina, Langton Sapphire, Lan Ashurst, Mossflee, Nine High.

### Hereford

1.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, NOBLE PATRICK (G McCourt, 8-1); 2, HALATION'S PLAIR (R Hoare, 16-1); 3, CELTIC BEAUTY (P Arrow, 11-8 fav); 4, PAPERACER (R Strange, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Bargill (pu), 6 John's Present (f d), 25 Magic Mouse (f), Rough Estimate (pu), The Cleaver (6th), 50 Jakaroo (pu), Motion Love (f), Mr President Wear, Pheasant Bridge (pu), Staylohn, General Pearl & Darkweather, Flair (5th). 16 ran. 2½l, shhd, 12l, 12l, 20l. C James at Newbury. TOTE: £9.10; £1.80, £1.60, £1.10, £8.30. DF: £39.30. CSF: £115.75. Tricast £283.46

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, BOB TISDALL (P Barton, 4-9 fav); 2, GALA'S IMAGE (R Linley, 11-4); 3, STAND EASY (N Doughty, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 16 Brown Rifle (4th). 4 ran. 1l, dist, dist. J Edwards at Ross-On-Wye. TOTE: £1.60. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.09.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, NO PLUNX (C Smith, 9-1); 2, Master Bean (M Bridgeman, 16-1); 3, Candeulas (G McCourt, 9-4fav); 4, Haner's Pride (D Chinn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: [illegible]

3.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, FRED FILLMER (P Scudamore, 11-2); 2, Realeas Bay (Mr T Jackson, 8-1); 3, [illegible]. ALSO RAN: [illegible]

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, [illegible] (G Bradley, 5-1); 2, Merry Jane (S Burke, 7-1); 3, [illegible] (A Hobart, 50-1). ALSO RAN: [illegible]

4.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, DAMPHEA (G Newman, 6-1); 2, [illegible] (M Caseman, 5-1); 3, [illegible]. ALSO RAN: [illegible]

### Today's course specialists

LINGFIELD PARK

TRAINERS: F Winter 27 winners from 74 runners, 36.5%; R Armytage 16 from 51, 31.4%; D Elsworth 7 from 31, 22.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Francome 20 winners from 86 rides, 34.1%; Steve Knight 9 from 33, 27.3%; P Double 8 from 29, 17.2%.

TOWCESTER

TRAINERS: F Winter 14 winners from 48 runners, 29.2%; J Old 16 from 76, 21.1%; J Webber 11 from 53, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles 12 winners from 62 rides, 19.4%; R Rowe 9 from 47, 19.1%; H Davies 28 from 164, 17.0%.

A small burden for a shy giant

# Richard Slaney: The other Briton that Mary Decker fell for

SPORT IN AMERICA
Sue Mott

Mr Mary Decker has a battle on his outsized hands. Shy, retiring and conventional, he has married one of sport's most controversial women, the American world champion middle distance runner, Mary Decker, and life will never be the same again. For the former engineer at Gatwick Airport, the limelight looms like a locust cloud.

"I still don't enjoy the attention", the 6ft 7in, 23-stone Richard Slaney says. "I used to be painfully shy. It still embarrasses me when people come up before a race and wish me luck as though I was running. I don't know what to say."

He was a British entrant in the Olympic discus competition last year, but few cameras were focused on him as he finished a distant fourteenth. His moment of fame came when he carried his injured, sobbing fiancée out of the Coliseum arena after her infamous collision with Zola Budd.

It is an episode Slaney discusses with Foreign Office diplomacy. "She took it a damn sight better than anyone else would have done", he said staunchly. Few interviewers have disputed with Slaney on this point, largely because of the lofty and bulky eminence from which the line is delivered, but from the comparative safety of newspaper dugouts Mary Decker has been mercilessly ribbed. USA Today made her their "whiner of the year". Esquire enshrined her as their "year's sorest loser" and TV Guide gave her their "Mr Nice Guy" award for boorish behaviour in sports. Even the American public, formerly slavish in its devotion, has turned against her.

### A sour taste of the limelight

"Mary Decker's behaviour at the Olympics left a sour taste in my mouth," a spectator at the Melrose Games at Madison Square Garden last Friday, when her appearance on the track ignited a flurry of boos around the stadium to counter the cheers. "I think she handled herself pretty poorly in Los Angeles and she certainly was not justified in trying to crucify that poor girl Zola", he added.

As a matter of fact, Richard Slaney patiently explained, it was not crucifixion but a spot of breakfast Mary Decker had in mind when she tried to contact Miss Budd the morning after the incident. But she received no answer from the British camp.

"We hold no bitterness towards Zola," Slaney said after the Millrose Mile, which his wife won handsomely in a time less than two seconds outside her indoor world record. "Actually, I feel sorry for her. She was used, and she was in a no-win situation unless she actually won the Olympics. There is no way that she is in the same class as Mary."

The archetypal gentle giant, Slaney has learned to become a quiet politician. Questioned wherever he goes about his new wife's proclivity to tantrums, he deflects criticism of flawed temperament to himself. "You know, journalists in American think I'm arrogant and sullen", he said. "I suppose it's because I got rather angry with one who grabbed Mary during a press conference at the Olympice trials. I didn't like that. But you know I'm not really mean. It's just the these Americans don't understand my British sense of humour."

Excommunication from American society on account of eccentric humour is not a rare experience for exiled Britons and Slaney, a Liverpool supporter from Crawley in Sussex, felt all the pangs of loneliness when he moved to the United States in 1978. He was summoned to San Diego State University on a scholarship as a 22-year-old to swell, literally, the college's abysmal athletics team with his prowess at the discus. "I hated it at first. I'd never been before. I didn't know anyone and I was terribly shy, Slaney said.

In December 1983 he met Mary Decker at an awards banquet in New York. They became engaged last year when her divore from Ron Tabb, the American distance runner, became final. The American leg of their wedding, complete with six bridesmaids, six groomsmen and a 35-part choir, took place in Eugene, Oregon, on New Year's Day. The away leg in England is scheduled for April. "I want it to be lavish", Slaney said. "This is my first one, and I plan not to have any more. I married Mary because I wanted to give her something and I think security is a good gift".

But a one-man security company, even a 320lb one, cannot offer protection round the clock. Last week, while Mrs Slaney was on a solitary training run near her home, a man jumped off a bicycle, knocked her to the ground and threatened her with a knife. She managed to struggle free, unharmed but for a bruise and a cut on her left hip, and Slaney now accompanies her training runs on his bicycle. He will also cut back his discus competition this year to travel with her on the international grand prix circuit. "By no means has she asked me to sacrifice my career", said Slaney. It's just that there isn't a discus event in the grand prix. Not glamorous enough, I suppose".

For a self-confessed male chauvinist pig, this back-seat approach is astonishingly liberated. He even cooks Chinese dinners at home, an admission that would class any sportsman under 6ft as a hen-pecked wimp. But, conspicuously,

### Honest in open admiration

Slaney is no wimp. He is self-evidently proud of his world champion wife and, in a sports increasingly populated with teenage prima donnas and budding television actors, his is a refreshingly honest presence.

"Is Mary a bitch, do you mean?" Slaney helpfully clarified the question for one hesitant journalist. "No, she happens to be one of the most honest and genuine people I've ever met. Too honest, sometimes. I think she deserves all the acclaim she gets, and more. She trains really hard, she's been through a lot of savage injuries and emotional problems and yet she always comes back beter and better. A lot of people do sport to satisfy their ego or to get back at the Establishment. Very few do sport because they love it, but Mary does. She just loves running".

Despite this shameless admiration, Slaney renounces the title of Mr Mary Decker. "She earns more money than me", he said. "It would be ridiculous to say she didn't, but I do like to think a few people in England knew me before I married her".

He did, after all, break the British discus record last year. But that was dwarfed by his subsequent feat – carrying a tearful seven-stone girl off a grass verge and into Olympic history.



The arms of Mary: Slaney and fiancée at the Olympics

SQUASH RACKETS

# Army rule the waves

Sergeant Joyce Toomey continued the Army domination of women's inter-service squash yesterday, at HMS Sultan, Portsmouth, winning her seventh consecutive individual championship final 9-7, 9-5, 9-7 from Staff Sergeant Cathy Johnstone (Colin McQuillan writes).

The Navy finished second to the Army in the team event and had again to be content with supporting roles yesterday. Leading Wren Hilary Jakeman lost 0-9, 5-9, 8-10 to Toomey in the semi-finals and Leading Wren Sue Hudd lost 7-9, 6-9, 4-9 to Johnstone.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA TROPHY: First round replay: Croydon v Merthyr Tydfil (7.3).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Notts County (7.0); West Bromwich v Barnsley (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea v West Ham (2.15).
WELSH CUP: First round replay: Bridgend v Oswestry (2.30).
FA VASE: Fourth round: Brandon v Fleetwood.
ESSEX THAMES-SIDE TROPHY: First round: Walthamstow Avenue v Leyton Wingate.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Watford v Orient.
Third round replay: Queen's Park Rangers v Norwich (7.0).
LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Bromsdown v Cheshunt (at Cheshunt); Dulwich Hamlet v Clapton; Welling v Harefield.
ALLDERS SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Leatherhead v Farleigh Rovers.
OTHER MATCH: Grantham v Rochdale.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Brighton v Camborne (7.0).
HOSPITALS CUP: First round: Middlesex v St George's. Second round: St Bartholomew's v Charing Cross/Westminster.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Kent open championships (at Walmer SC, Orpington).
SNOOKER: Benson & Hedges Masters Tournament (at Wembley Conference Centre).
TENNIS: Men's satellite tournament (at Bramhall).



Campbell: hard man (Photograph: John Voos)

# Cambridge enlist a Canadian to lift Boat Race blues

Two Olympic gold medal coaches are involved in the preparations for this year's Boat Race, which will take place on April 6. Mike Sprachlen, from Marlow, again a member of the Oxford team, coached the coxed fours crew who won a gold in the first Olympic final. In the last Olympic final, the eights, Neil Campbell, from Ontario, was instrumental in taking the blue riband of the Olympic regatta to Canada for the first time. Campbell was approached by the Cambridge president, John Garrett, who rowed in the British coxless four on Lake Casitas, and is coaching them at the moment.

Campbell's superb Olympic eight included two of last year's victorious Oxford Boat Race crew, the twins, Mike and Mark Evans. But Oxford have a proven coaching team and are obviously not interested in importing foreign blood in that department.

Campbell is best described as a man you would like by your side in the jungle. A garage proprietor, aged 54, from St Catharines, Ontario, he is as fit as a fiddle. He stroked the 1968 Canadian Olympic eight in Mexico at the age of 38, which must be some sort of record. He is well known in this country as the coach of the giant-sized schoolboys from Canada's Ridley College, who won the Princess Elizabeth at Henley five times. But for losing an oarsman overboard and on another occasion breaking a rigger during the race, he would undoubtedly have taken the trophy over the Atlantic seven times.

Campbell has a reputation as a tough, autocratic coach, who expects a crew to jump if he so commands. At Cambridge, however, he has an uncharacteristic supporting role under the chief coach, Alan Inns. Campbell arrived in this country a week ago, understudied the coach, Mark Bathurst, and only took command at Ely on Sunday, when Cambridge completed a weekend of strenuous competition against London University.

Campbell lifts the bullhorn for the first time this week. "I'm impressed with what I have seen with Cambridge so far", he said. "They have a good attitude and respond well. There are one or two things I need to tighten up in the mechanism. I shall be concentrating on giving them a sharper catch and far more cover between the strokes."

Campbell is impressed with the coxswain, Henrietta Shaw, who is a strong candidate to become the first woman to hold the rudder strings of a Light Blue Boat Race crew. "I'm happy with her. She certainly doesn't allow the opposition to push her around and she is very light too, which is a bonus", he said.

Campbell is revelling in this "warm British climate". He said: "When I left Ontario the pipes in my house were frozen and in gale winds it was 60 below." If Campbell enjoys his stint with Cambridge, he will "be back for another two weeks at the end of March."

Some of the Cambridge crew this week may feel the Canadian iceman has cometh, but no doubt over a college dinner they will detect a coach with a warm inner glow and a subtle sense of humour who cares deeply about his charges. He is part of the effort committed to stopping Oxford achieving a personal record of 10 successive Boat Race wins. Yet Campbell has never seen the Putney to Mortlake championship course, and may be back in Canada on Boat Race day preparing the Canadian squad for this year's world championships.

**Jim Railton**

## TENNIS

# Edberg brings Lloyd back down to earth

Memphis (AP) – John Lloyd, of Britain, was beaten in the second round of the US national indoor championships here on Tuesday by the young Swede, Stefan Edberg, 7-5, 6-3, after an impressive win over Tom Gullikson in the first round earlier this week.

The American, Marty Davis, and Boris Becker, aged 17, of West Germany, recorded surprise victories. Davis beat the No. 4 seed, Aaron Krickstein, 6-3, 7-5, and Becker wasted no time in his first round match, disposing of the veteran Wojtek Fibak, 6-2, 6-1.

MEN'S SINGLES. First round (US unless stated): M Mecir (Cz) bt J Hasse (Cz), 6-4, 6-3; S Mayer bt N Odizor (Nigeria), 6-3, 6-2; S Perkiss (Ire) bt W Scanlon, 6-3, 6-1; B Becker (WG) bt W Flach, 6-2, 6-2. Second round: J Sadri bt B Schultz, 7-5, 6-3; J Krick bt P Kuhnavsky (Switz), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; G Holmes bt B Teeuwsen, 6-3, 6-4; J Lapidus bt J Aguilera (Sp), 6-3, 6-1; M Davis bt A Krickstein, 6-3, 7-5; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Lloyd (GB), 7-5, 6-3.

● MARCOS Island, Florida, (Reuter) – Virginia Wade, of Britain, lightly dismissed a 14-year age handicap in beating the 26-year-old American, Wendy White, 6-4, 6-4, in the second round of the women's challenge championships last night.

RESULTS: (US unless stated): First round: H Louie bt Liz Minter (Aust) 6-0, 6-1; R Fairbank (SA) bt L Savchenko USSR 6-2, 6-1; S Walsh bt M Schropp (WG) 7-5, 6-3; C Karlsson (Swe) bt R Raggi (It) 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; P Dalheen (Aust) bt S Mascarin 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; V Wade (GB) bt W White 6-4, 6-4. Second round: C Tanvier (Fr) bt V Ruzici (Rom) 6-4, 6-0; S Graf (WG) bt E Burgin 6-2, 7-6; Bonder bt S Reine 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Benjamin bt D Spence by default; P Casale bt G Rucly 6-2, 6-0; L Drescher (Aust) bt G Kin 6-1, 6-3; C Lindquist (Swe) bt E Inoue (Japan) 6-3, 6-1; K Jordon bt L McNeil 6-1, 6-1.

# Bates hangs on and gains his reward

By Lewine Mair

Although quick to confess that he had found Richard Whichello a difficult opponent, Jeremy Bates yesterday defeated Britain's leading junior in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, in the quarter-final of the LTA men's satellite event at Matchpoint, Bramhall. This time last year Bates rarely handled himself well against fellow British players.

Now he is back in practice and he has further come to realize that, even allowing for the additional pressure, it is still easier to do well against home opposition than the kind of players he meets in grand prix tournaments.

Bates knew that yesterday's match was made for Whichello in that the youngster had nothing to lose. He accepted philosophically the fact that the Kent boy was winning his service easily at the start and simply told himself to hang on in there and wait for the mistakes to come. For six games the match went with service but then, when it came to the seventh, Whichello, who mostly hit his first service so hard and well, suddenly lost his to love.

Bates worked his way through a long, hard game to tie up the first set and then made a good start in the second as Whichello's concentration wavered. In the semi-finals Bates will meet Morten Christensen, of Denmark.

QUARTER-FINALS: S Edberg (Swe) bt S Davis (US) 7-5, 6-3; P Lundgren (Swe) bt D Masters (SA) 6-4, 6-3; C Christensen (Den) bt D Pate 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; J Bates bt R Whichello 6-4, 6-4.

# Once-polluted waters are producing huge catches

By Conrad Voss Bark

**FISHING**

A world record brown trout has been caught by an angler on Lake Michigan, weight 34lb 6oz, length 38½in, girth 27in. It was taken by trolling from a boat and is officially a world record in the 16lb-line category. So far as is known, no heavier brown trout has ever been caught. The fish was between eight to 10 years old.

Lake Michigan, once polluted, now produces enormous trout. Another was caught this season weighing 33lb 4oz, a pound less than the record.

Britain cannot match these leviathans. Our biggest brown, from Loch Quoich, Inverness-shire, in 1978, weighed a shade over 19lb 9oz. Our biggest rainbow, 19½lb, came from Avington lakes in Hampshire in 1977, but although an official record, many fishermen have doubts whether it should be, as the fish spent most of its life in a stockpond. They feel the credit for artificially producing a large rainbow should go more to a fish farmer than an angler.

But at least two angling records – true ones, that is, the capture of wild fish – have been broken in Britain this year. Out boat fishing off Salcombe, a farmer from Brixton, Bob White, took a pollack of 26lb 7oz, which is over a pound heavier than the fish caught off Teignmouth four years ago. We also have a record perch, a five-pounder, caught in a private lake in Kent by Frank Gould, of Beckenham.

Fishing in heavy seas off Salcombe, Robert White, of Sherborne, equalled the British record with a coalfish of 33lb, but the most exciting sea fishing must have been had by a 15-year-old schoolboy, David Merrien, who caught a red mullet off Guernsey which, at 3lb plus, was just a whisker short of the 28-year-old official record.


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## Newspaper Secretary

c£8,400

An experienced secretary aged 21+ is required to join a small management team responsible for the printing/production of the Financial Times newspaper working for the Industrial Relations Executive. You will need excellent shorthand and typing speeds as well as good organisational/administrative skills. The ability to enjoy working under pressure is essential. Please telephone **01-236 9758 for an application form or write to Personnel Officer, Financial Times, Bracken House, 10 Cannon St, London, EC4P 4BX.**

## CHRISTIAN AID

invites applications from lay or ordained men or women for the post of Area Secretary for Merseyside. Applicants should have commitment to issues of poverty and development from a Christian standpoint. Must also have proven skills in communicating with wide range of people in church and community.
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Crone Corkill
18-25 Eldon Street

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This post requires a working knowledge of music and opera; together with good accurate typing skills and sufficient experience to organise a busy office. Normal office hours plus some evening and weekend work. Salary by negotiation.

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Please write, including a detailed c.v., and stating current salary to:

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01-629 9781

2ND JOBBER 20ish with good shorthand typing and a mature approach needed by two managers of W1 vintners to organise travel to the Americas, deal with reports, diaries, phones, clients, etc. Plenty of movement & need for personal initiative. £7,000 pa + bonus + good fringe benefits. Joyce Guiness Bureau, 589 8807/0010, Rec Cons.

FOOD & BEVARAGE DIRECTOR of prominent W.1 hotel needs a strong PA Sec with good formal skills to organise travel, meetings reports etc in busy friendly office. Electronic mind 70 a must. Training for personal computer given. c£8,000 pa + good commissions. Joyce Guiness Bureau. 589 8807.

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EXPERIENCED SECRETARY, part/full time, to assist director of psiyco therapy centre 01-373 0901.

FRENCH/ENGLISH spk PA English s/h Wembley £7,000 Language Staff Agy 455 2922.

ENTHUSIASTIC RSCEPTIONIST secretary for small film production company W1. Tel: 01-734 5586.

## FIRST CLASS SECRETARY

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Previous experience desirable, but we would consider a recent graduate who has completed secretarial training. Accurate typing is essential. And shorthand would be preferrable. Training will be given on the latest word processing and Telex equipment.

Competitive salary offered together with London Weighting Allowance, BUPA, life insurance, interest free season ticket loan and non contributory share scheme.

**Please telephone Angela Bush or Sharon Wheatley on 01-828 7090, for application form.**

## SECRETARY/ WORD PROCESSOR

£5,500 neg. + perks

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# Public Appointments

## BEACON HOSTELS

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

### SALARY £8,000–£8,500

Expanding housing association for single people, based in South Kensington and operating in five central London boroughs, seeks competent administrator for its Head Office.

The Administrative Officer manages the Association's administrative, secretarial and clerical support services. He/she administers personnel records for over 100 staff, and assists with the organisation of recruitment and training programmes; also takes responsibility for the filing system, order and supply of stationery, etc.

The successful candidate must be adaptable, able to take responsibility and act on own initiative. Good communication skills, both written and verbal, are essential: typing an advantage.

For further details and application form telephone Elizabeth Knight on 01-370 0733, 189a Old Brompton Road, London, SW5 0AR.

Closing date for completed application forms, Thursday 14 February, and interviews will be held on Wednesday 20 February.

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**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL RECREATION**

The National Association of Sport and Recreation requires a

## TECHNICAL OFFICER

with flair and initiative to assist in the development of services to members and to guide the work of some of the Specialist Divisions of the organisation. The Technical Officer will work especially on the promotion and development of the CCPR Community Sports Leaders Award schemes and will be responsible to the Senior Technical Officer.

Experience and interest in sport and recreation are essential requirements and a knowledge of committee work and procedures would be an advantage.

Salary on scale (under review) £9,793-£12,029 (inc London Weighting) plus other benefits.

Forms of application and further information from:

**Peter Lawson, CCPR, Francis House, Francis Street, London SW1P 1DE.**

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**GLC**
Working for London

## Deputy Head of Minority Party Secretariat

The Secretariat provides full secretarial, administrative and policy assistance to Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs and Backbench Members of the GLC Conservative Opposition.

As well as playing a lead role in overseeing the day to day management and running of the secretariat, the Deputy Head also acts as PA to the Opposition Chief Whip. This entails assisting in preparing Council questions, motions, requisitions and amendments to reports, drafting correspondence and briefing members on all aspects of GLC work. There is wide top-level liaison, both within the Council and with Borough Councils, MPs and Government Ministers.

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Salary: £14,781–£16,545 inclusive.

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

For an application form, to be returned by 15th February 1985, write to: GLC Director-General's Department, Ref: 5106, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527.

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**Super Secretaries**

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**INTERIOR DESIGN** Two Secretaries (1 early 20s the other late 20s) with good typing for SW3 design Co. For immediate start £6,800-£8,000. 01 730 8379. Jayce Carnes (Sloane Sq) Ltd.

**SLOANE ST. SURVEYORS** require a Sec./Recep. to join their small but busy practice close to Sloane Sq. must be smart and appreciate a friendly atmosphere. Salary neg. c£7,000 p.a. Contact Charles Barton 730 2152.

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**HAMMERSMITH** £6,890 + review. Why commute when you can work locally? Join this well known company as Secretary to its management team. 90/60 skills needed. Salary review within 3 months. Please telephone Elizabeth Hunt, Recruitment Consultants, 499 8070 (West End) or 236 5712 (City).

**SW Sec/PA** £9,000. 26+ top partner level, own office, excellent perks & prospects. Keystone Emp Agy 283 5914.

**PRESIDENT'S P.A.** Good salary plus bonus, reliable, well educated person with secretarial experience wanted in Westminster. Car driver essential. Please write with C.V. for appointment to: 82 Westminster Mansions, 1 Little Smith Street, London SW1 PDQ, or telephone 01-799 3781.

**WEST END ESTATE AGENTS** require fast accurate audio typist in busy investment department. Should also be capable of deputising for senior secretary in her absence. Salary negotiable. Please telephone Personnel Officer on 629 9292 for immediate appointment.

**NO SHORTHAND.** Lively St John's Wood scene for 2nd jobber, early 20's with excellent typing, good education + enthusiastic participation mixing with personalities sponsors a press c.£7000 with attractive fringe benefits. Joyce Grimes Bureau. 589 8907. 0010 Rec Cons.

**LIBERAL MP** seeks sec/PA to run busy Westminster office. Ability to work under pressure. Long holidays during parliamentary recess. Written applications and c.v. to Mrs O'Sullivan, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA.

**PUBLISHING CAREERS.** Creative secretaries (s/h or audio) needed for editorial, production, publicity foreign rights and marketing. Depts of leading publishers/magazine. £5,000-£8,500 ase. Covent Garden Bureau. 110 Fleet St. EC4 353 7696.

**SENIOR BI-Lingual** Secretary urgently required for German bank. Excellent salary and benefits for applicant with ability to organise hectic office. Full secretarial skills essential. Tel. 514 1740 C.F.C. Rec Cons.

**FRENCH** bi-lingual sec for shipping co. Good presentation for client contact and ability to use initiative. Pref 6 mths exp. To £8,000. Norrow Emp Agy. The Language Specialists. 636 1487

**PERSONNEL TO £8,000** Very bright Sec 20+ required for Int Co., City. Excellent opportunity for someone wishing to enter the personnel field. Superb perks. Call Christine Watson Ltd Rec Cons 935 8236.

**SECRETARY ESTATE AGENTS** off Marylebone High St. require young secretary in busy and friendly office. Shorthand, word processing an advantage. Salary neg. Contact D. L. Lewis 935 1652.

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Two-year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Regret no funding available for dependants.
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Write for details, including a short CV and large sae. to: Kathy Bowrosse, International Voluntary Service, 914, 53 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 6YL.

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Hammersmith and Fulham Health Authority
Community and Family Services Unit
Community Headquarters,
Parsons Green, London, SW6

**P.A./Secretary to Director of Nursing Services**
We require an enthusiastic secretary with excellent organising ability, who enjoys responsibility and is able to work on their own initiative with minimum supervision, to work for our Director. Good shorthand and audio-typing skills are necessary.

**P.A./Secretary to Consultant Community Paediatrician**
This is a challenging job working for a newly appointed consultant. The pace is fast, and he requires someone who is on the ball, capable of booking the taxi, chief with correspondence, and not an easy task-maker. An ideal position for someone who wishes to be involved, and under a consultant. Shorthand/Audio typing skills required.
Salaries for both posts £4,897-£5,925 p.a. plus £1,062 p.a. London Weighting. Public/Car allowances also payable for certain secretarial qualifications.
For further details contact the Personnel Department, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, London W6 8DH. Tel. 01-748 3441 ext 229.
Closing date 15th February, 1985.

**SUPER SECRETARIES**

**PRESTIGIOUS CITY** based finance house desperately need super PA with excellent skills and organising ability for their president. Circa £11,000 + car. Aged applicant. Telephone 514 1740 CFC Rec Cons.

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**SECRETARIES FOR ARCHITECTS** and Designers. Permanent/temporary positions. AMSA Specialists Agency 01-734 0832.

**BI-LINGUAL SEC.** £10,500 25+ French s/h preferable. W.1. Co. 486 7897. Cavendish Personnel Rec. Cons.

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**St. Christopher's Hospice**

## VOLUNTARY SERVICES CO–ORDINATOR

### FULL TIME

St Christopher's Hospice is a leading Christian medical foundation specialising in terminal care. In addition to 62 patient beds there is a home-care service and commitments in teaching and research.
The post involves the recruitment, placing and supporting of volunteers, making contacts in the community with voluntary organisations and schools and working closely with other Co-ordinators in the Hospice movement.
Candidates should have the ability and personality to liaise and co-operate with all grades of hospital staff, have administrative and organising skills and some experience of public speaking. A knowledge of SE London would be an advantage.
The post has Head of Department status and calls for a mature individual. The minimum age is 35 and the salary will be as for Senior Administration.
To arrange applications and informal visit please telephone Matron's Secretary, Mrs Jenny Chambers, 01-778 9252, St Christopher's Hospice, Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, London, SE26 6DZ. Closing date for applications 15th February, 1985.

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## County Manpower Services Officer

### (£26,700-£29,685)

The County Council is looking for a person with appropriate qualifications and experience at senior level to succeed the present chief officer on his retirement.
Further particulars and application forms are obtainable from the Acting Chief Executive, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QU. Telephone (0392) 77977 ext 3266.

The closing date for applications is 11th February and interviews will be held on 25/26 February.

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## Strathclyde

**STRATHCLYDE POLICE**
**Appointment of**

## CHIEF CONSTABLE

### Salary: £33,678 (under review)

Applications are invited from serving police officers in the United Kingdom, qualified in terms of the Police (Scotland) Regulations 1976 (Regulation 8) as amended for the post of Chief Constable of Strathclyde Police.
The conditions of service for the post are as determined by the Police Negotiating Board for the United Kingdom and the appointment is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for Scotland. Further details of the post are available on request from the Director of Manpower Services, Strathclyde Regional Council, Strathclyde House 2, India Street, Glasgow G2 4PF, to whose application including the names of three referees should be sent marked "Appointment of Chief Constable" to arrive not later than Monday, 25th February, 1985.

R.M.O. McCULLOCH
Director of
Manpower Services

Strathclyde Regional Council

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**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL**

## SURVEYOR OF THE FABRIC

The Dean & Chapter seek to appoint a Surveyor of the Fabric as successor to Mr Robert Potter, FRIBA, FSA, who retires on 6th April 1985. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced Architects who may obtain details of the appointment from:

**The Chapter Clerk,**
**5 East Pallant,**
**Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TS**
**Telephone: Chichester (0243) 786111**

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**RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

required by the Child Accident Prevention Trust to assist in developing and managing its programme of research, supervise its Resource Centre and prepare technical briefs.
A knowledge of research in the safety or health fields, including computing and the interpretation of technical data, essential.
Salary £10,330 - £11,205, L.W. under consideration.
Further details from CAPT, 75 Portland Place, London W1N 3AL (01 636 2545). Applications, naming 2 referees, by 11 February.

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**APPEAL DIRECTOR**

*Energetic executive required to* direct Agricultural appeal based in Midlands. Must be self-motivated, good administrator and experienced in working at top business levels. Initiative, organisational and administrative skills essential. 1-2 year contract. Own car, salary negotiable. Confidential applications to:

**TRUST SECRETARY**
c/o Kirkby & Diamond
Midsummer House, Saxon Gate
West, Central Milton Keynes,
MK9 3HQ
*Telephone (0908) 678800*

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# General Appointments

## Market Development Executive

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In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE (NEW VERSION) 5743-1983.
In the Matter of THE TRANSFER OF THE ENTERPRISE OF A FOREIGN COMPANY.
THE APPLICANTS:
1. BLACK & DECKER, Westpoint, The Grove, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1QQ, England.
2. POWER HARDWARE LIMITED, 25 Ibn Gvirol Street, Tel Aviv, Israel.
Both through their attorneys, Advocates Michael Fox and/or Dr Yaakov Neeman and/or Arnold Lezowick and/or Lipa Meir and/or Ketriel Beeri and/or Yeshayahu Zilber and/or Tuvia Erlich and/or Jasmine Strauss and/or Benjamin Nehemiah and/or Shlomo Heller and/or Mirz Cohen, all of 26 Ibn Gvirol Street, Tel Aviv.
THE RESPONDENT:
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROVE AN ARRANGEMENT
Notice is hereby given that the Applicants have filed an Application in this Court in accordance with Sections 233 and 242(a) of the Companies Ordinance (New Version) 5743-1983, in which they request the approval of the arrangement made between them on 8th January 1985, by which Applicant No. 1 will transfer its enterprise, assets and liabilities, in Israel alone, to Applicant No. 2.
Any interested person may inspect the said arrangement in the above-mentioned file in this Court, or at the office of the Applicants' attorneys, Messrs Herzog Fox & Neeman of 26 Ibn Gvirol Street, Tel Aviv.
The Application will be heard in this Court on 11th March 1985 at 8:30 am or shortly thereafter.
Any interested person, who contends that the said arrangement is unreasonable or is liable to prejudice his rights may file his objections to the approval of the arrangement in writing, in this Court, not later than 26th February 1985.
CH. EVENOR
Judge

In the Matter of COHEN AND DEACON Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28th day of February, 1985, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and address of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned David Sweden of 9 Rodney Street, Liverpool L1 2TE the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 21st day of January, 1985.
David Sweden
Liquidator

In the matter of HYOROX LIMITED and in the matter of The Companies Act, 1948.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required on or before 28th February, 1985 to send their names and addresses to the undersigned David Raymond Brown of Touche Ross & Co, Hallance House, 20 Water Street, Liverpool, L2 8UY, Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, or by their solicitors, or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in the notice, or in default thereof, they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED 24th January, 1985
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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 132 of The Companies Act, notice is hereby given that at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of AINSWORTH CORPORATION LIMITED held on the 11th day of January A.D., 1985 it was RESOLVED that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Anthony D. Appleyard be appointed Liquidator of the Company. Such resolution was confirmed as a Special Resolution at a subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members held on the 28th day of January A.D., 1985.
DATED the 31st January A.D., 1985
GRAHAM, THOMPSON & CO.
Attorneys for the above-named party

Re: PEMBURY CAR SALES LIMITED and The Companies Act 1948
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 1, Surrey Street, London WC2R 2ND on Tuesday 5 February 1985 at 3.45 in the afternoon for the purposes mentioned in Section 294 and 295 of the said Act.
DATED this 22nd day of January 1985.
I ROSS-THOMSON
Director

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 133 of The Companies Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of AINSWORTH CORPORATION LIMITED will be held at the Chambers of Messrs. Graham, Thompson & Co. in Sassoon House on the Northwestern corner of Shirley Street and Victoria Avenue in the City of Nassau on the 4th day of March A.D., 1985 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.
The purpose of the said Meeting is to have laid before the Members of the Company the Final Statements of the Liquidator showing the manner in which the winding up of the Company has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, the debts and obligations of the Company discharged and also to hear any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator.
All claims by creditors of the Company must be received by the Liquidator at P.O. Box N-7517, Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas before the 4th day of March A.D., 1985.
Dated this 31st day of January A.D., 1985.
ANTHONY D. APPLEYARD
Liquidator of the above-named Company

In The Matter of VIJAY TRADERS LIMITED and in the matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntary wound up, are required on or before the 8th day of March, 1985, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA of 30 EASTBOURNE TERRACE, LONDON, W2 6LP the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 22nd day of January 1985.
K. D. GOODMAN
Liquidator

CRESTA COMPOSITION Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of CRESTA COMPOSITION Limited, will be held at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (second floor) London W2 6LP on Wednesday the 6th day of February 1985 at 12.00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.
DATED the 21st day of January 1985
J. MILLER
Director

GRIDLOK LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act 1948 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Penshall Hotel, Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, on Thursday the 7th day of February 1985 at 11 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.
By order of the Board
J. WILLIAMS
Director
DATED this 24th day of January 1985.

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S. RASKEL
Director

In the matter of PORTUGUESE WINE DISTRIBUTORS LIMITED
By Order of the High Court dated 21st December, 1984, MALCOLM JOHN LONDON of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7DQ has been appointed Liquidator of the above named Company with a Committee of Inspection.
DATED this 23rd day of January 1985.

**COMPANY MEETING NOTICES**

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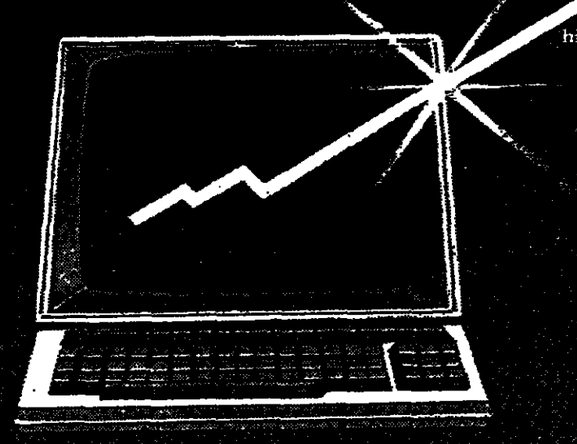
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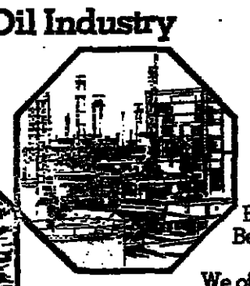
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# Recruitment: skills that fill

## MARKETPLACE

**Philip Schofield** looks at the rise in the number of vacancies being taken. Will the trend continue?

Recruitment since the recessionary trough in spring 1981 has increased steadily, apart from a dip last winter, and the growth seems likely to continue. In the three months ending in December, the seasonally adjusted number of vacancies flowing into Jobcentres was 214,000 a month – the highest since January 1980 and seven per cent up on the same period last year. It shows a 54 per cent increase on the 139,000 vacancies a month of April and May 1981.

The number of vacancies in Jobcentres is probably the best single indicator of overall trends in the recruitment market. The Department of Employment claims that it represents around a third of all vacancies although there is evidence that it may be only a quarter. Almost 2½ million vacancies flowed into Jobcentres during 1984, so it seems that job seekers had a choice of more than seven million vacancies during the year. Some sectors of the recruitment market, most notably those for management, professional and technical skills, have been more buoyant than others. In 1984 the volume of recruitment advertising in the five popular daily newspapers and in London's *The Standard* was just under 15 per cent up on 1983. The average volume growth in the seven quality nationals over the same period was over 31 per cent (*The Times* over 53 per cent).

The overall volume increase in 1984 of over 26 per cent in these newspapers was even larger than the 15 per cent growth in 1983.

The most obvious increase in demand had been for high-technology skills, notably in the fields of electronic engineering and computing. The shortage of these skills has been the subject of several reports in the last year. Individual employers are spending as much as £1 million a year on advertising for these skills. Some have also been sending recruitment teams as far as Australia and New Zealand.

Of the seven principal executive disciplines monitored by the HAY-MSL Index in the first nine months of 1984, computing showed the largest growth over the preceding year. The index, which monitors vacancies advertised in five quality newspapers and *The Economist* also showed good growth in production and personnel.

The level of advertising in the national newspapers probably underrepresents the demand for management, technical and professional skills. Recruiters are making greater use of professional and technical journals. For example, the HAY-MSL Index records about a 20 per cent increase in personnel vacancies. However, the leading personnel journals collectively carried 57 per cent more recruitment advertising.

For senior and highly specialized vacancies, recruiters are turning increasingly to search consultants. From an employer's point of view this provides a better prospect of attracting high-calibre candidates with scarce skills who are not actively seeking alternative work. It also saves them the time and cost of dealing with unsuitable applications.

The secretive nature of search consultancy is a bar to assessing the scale of activity. But it was estimated six months ago that about three-quarters of vancancies offering salaries over £18,000 a year are handled by search and that this proportion is increasing.

Regional newspapers, many of which carry vacancies up to middle-management level, have also shown a faster increase in recruitment advertising than the national press.

The last year presented job seekers, particularly those with management and professional skills, with the largest range of openings for several years. Is this likely to continue into 1985? The indications are that the recruitment market will be even more buoyant than in 1984 – at least in the early months.

Employers are looking for more graduates in 1985 according to a joint forecast by the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates, the Central Services Unit and the Association of Graduate Careers and Appointments Services. In some sectors, they predict that demand will be 20 per cent higher than in 1984.

They also reported that in December the current demand for graduates who were immediately available was 70 per cent higher than at the same time in 1983.

The forecast not only refers to the continuing shortage of graduates in electronics and the large and growing demand for graduates in computer-related activities, but states that: "In general, there is a substantial growth in demand from employers seeking graduates from any academic discipline."

There is optimism within the recruitment service industry about prospects within the markets as a whole during the next few months. The Manpower Survey of Employment Prospects, based on forecasts by 983 leading employers, indicates that more employers expect to increase staffing in the first quarter than plan cuts. They argue that the prospects for this quarter are the best for five years.

This optimism is echoed by a number of leading recruitment advertising agencies quoted in the January issue of *Personnel Executive News*. All see continuing growth in activity, though not all see this lasting throughout the year. The magazine also quotes Ian Toombs, chairman of the Recruitment Society, who predicts growth in the first quarter.

The timing of upward and downward changes in the economic cycle has been remarkably consistent for the last 30 years. If this pattern continues, we can expect a downturn in 1985; whether large or small will depend on the strength of the pound, oil prices, the Budget and the mining-industry troubles.

One trend that will continue, irrespective of the number of vacancies, is the growing emphasis on the quality of candidates sought by recruiters. As Garry Long, deputy chairman of HAY-MSL Management Consultants Group Ltd, said: "It is noticeable that companies are selective in their requirements. These have to be met before appointments are made, frequently leaving some jobs unfilled for several months."

Other commentators have noted the growing emphasis on candidates' personal qualities as well as technical skills.

Even if overall job prospects become less certain later in the year, it seems certain that the high level of demand for quality management technical and professional skills will continue.

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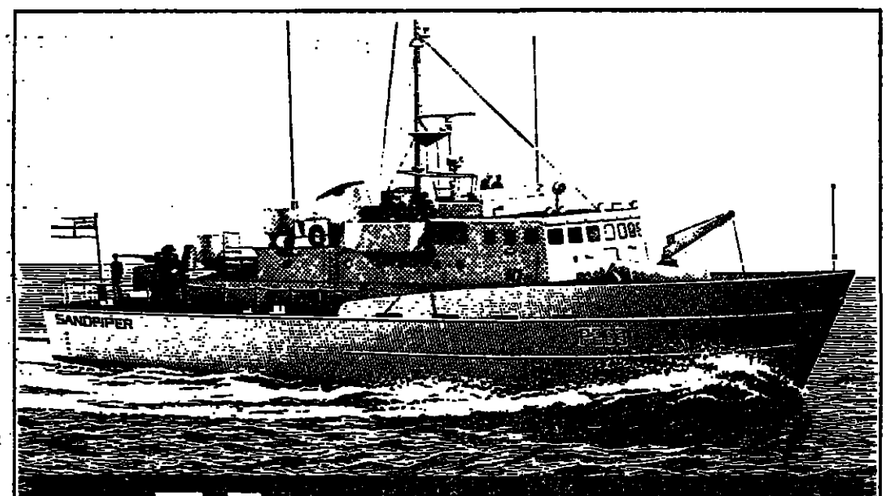
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## BIRTHS

**BATTLE** – on 27th January to Carolyn and Kemp a daughter Emily Katherine.

**BEITH** – On January 29th, to Mary Jane (née Few) and Ian – a son (Nicholas), a brother for Mark.

**CLARKSON** – on 30th January 1985 at The Westminster Hospital, to Bridget and Patrick a son.

**de BORCHGRAVE d'ALTHENA** – on 29th January 1985, to Comte and Comtesse Albert-Frédéric, a daughter.

**FENWICK** – On 22nd January to Francesca (née Comerford Green) and Peter, a daughter Caroline Patricia a sister for Frederick.

**GOLD** on January 28th to Elizabeth (nee Parker) and Stephen (Bentle) a daughter Katherine Elizabeth.

**GRIMWOOD** – on January 29th at St Richards Hospital, Chichester to Diana (nee Williams) and Nigel, a son.

**HEDLEY LEWIS** on January 25th to Penny (nee Hobson) and Vincent a daughter Amanda, a sister for Selena and Melissa.

**HUME** –. On January 29th to Penny and David, a son – Jonathan Noel Hamilton.

**JOHNSON** – on January 29th to Wendy and Hugo, a son, William Peter Warren.

**MERRICKS** On January 28th at The Royal Berks Hospital to Carol (neé Bates) and David a daughter Katherine Anna.

**SAMENGO-TURNER** – On January 22nd at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Jane (nee Flynn) and Keith – a daughter, Annabel Victoria Rose, a sister for William.

**SHEPHERD.** – On 27th January, at York District Hospital, to Joy (nee Stebbing) and Nigel, a daughter, Lavinia Fleur Emily.

**SOUTHGATE.** – On 25th January, to Joanna (née Donaldson) and Crispin, a daughter, Eleanor Frances Anne.

**WAKEFIELD.** – On January 30th 1985, in Oxford, to Clare and Robert, a son, *Luke Edward Charles.*

**WALLACE** – on 26th January 1935 at Chase Farm Hospital to Kathleen (nee Child) and Edward, a daughter, Erin *Kathleen Mary, a sister for Matthew.*

**WINTERBOURNE.** – On January 30, to Mary and Martin – a son (Thomas).

## BIRTHDAYS

**SALLY NEWMAN,** 21 today. Happy birthday. Love from Mum, Dad and John.

## DEATHS

**ANDREWS** – On January 29th, aged 85, Annie "Nancy" widow of Herbert Andrews, mother of Edwin Bolwell "Peter", late of 363 Upton Lane, Widnes, Cheshire. Funeral at Cronton Methodist Church, Tuesday, February 5th, 11am, to be followed by interment at Widnes Borough Cemetary 11.45am.

**ARCHER.** – On 27th January, after a long illness borne with great courage, Joy, much loved younger daughter of Oliver and Ivy Barnes (dec'd), wife, mother of treasured daughter Joscelyn Pat, sister and grandmother. Cremation at Charing Crematorium, Kent, on Monday, 4th February at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Cancer Research, c/o Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, London W8.

**BREAM** – On January 29th 1985, Norah Mitchell, of Stoneygate, Leicester, wife of the late Herbert Nickels Bream, peacefully at London Road, Private Hospital, aged 69 years. Requiem at St James The Greater Parish Church, London Road, Leicester on Monday 4th February at 8.00pm. Funeral service on Tuesday 5th February at 12 noon followed by Cremation at Gilroes Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St James The Greater Church, c/o The Rev Canon D. N. Hole, 216 London Road, Leicester. Further enquiries to A. C. James & Son, Funeral Directors, 30 St Stephens Road, Leicester. Tel 542900.

**BURMAN** – on January 28th 1985, Peter, much loved husband of Therese (Tigger). No flowers by request, but donations if desired, to friends of The Royal Free Hospital, NW3.

**BUTTNER, URSULA.** – Peacefully, on 19th January at St Christopher's Hospice, in her 70th year. Cremation Golders Green, 5th February at noon. Flowers to Wilsons, 103 Norwood High Street, SE27.

**CAMERON,** *Marshall of the Royal Airforce,* the Lord Cameron of Balhousie, K.T., G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., A.E., Hon L.L.D. On 29th January 1985. Funeral private, no flowers, but donations may be sent to the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association or The RAF Benevolent Fund.

**COCKTON.** – On Tuesday, 29th January, John Humphrey Curwen (Johnny), of The Tenters, Lorton, Cockermouth, *after a long illness,* beloved husband of Juanita Ann and grandfather of Anila. Funeral service and interment at Lorton Church on *Friday, 1st February at 2 p.m.*

**COLE.** – On January 22nd, after the most tender and devoted nursing attention by individual members of *staff of the special care baby unit,* Clarendon Wing, Leeds General Infirmary, Simon, aged 15 weeks, dearly loved son of Michael and Ann Cole, of York. *The funeral has already taken place at St Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale, North Yorkshire.*

**DEAKIN,** on 29th January peacefully in Cambridgeshire, *"Winsome"* MBE, exWRVS, aged 87, dearly loved widow of Captain George Deakin, M.C. Unique and beloved *mother and grandmother* of Anthony, Ashley, George, Antonia and Lucy. Funeral service at Meldreth Church at 11am on Saturday 2nd February, followed by interment at Salwarp, Worcestershire at 4pm. Flowers to Waymans Funeral Services, Ely, Cambs.

**ELSTONE.** – On 25th January 1985, at home in Loughton, Brigadier Rupert Chudley Elstone, CBE, MC, retired *Loyal Regiment.* Dearly loved husband of Eleanor and father of Jane and Claire. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to the Army *Benevolent* Fund.

**GIMSON** – on January 28th in Paris, Joseph Forsyth Gimson, aged 88 years. Husband of Simone and brother of Mrs Weldon Walsh. Funeral in Puily-Nord, Lausanne, on Thursday, Feburary 7th at 2.30pm.

**GOLDBERG.** – LESLIE. Suddenly on 29th January, beloved husband of Joy, will be very greatly missed. Funeral Service on Thursday, 31st January, at 3pm, at Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Pound Lane, NW10.

**GOODMAN.** – On January 26th, in her 93rd year, Daphne, of Walberswick, Suffolk. Funeral at Walberswick Church, Friday February 1st, at 2.30pm.

**GOODWYN** – on January 28th, suddenly at home, Bernardine Whiteley, aged 83, wife of the late Wyndham Goodwyn, beloved mother of Graham and Helen and dearly loved grandmother of Roger, Nicholas, Clare, Christopher, Mark and Jenny. No flowers by request.

**GRIEVE.** – On January 28th, 1985, peacefully, at home, Rosamond, beloved wife of Tom (Grieve) and mother of Brian and Richard Lea, also stepmother to Bels and Jane and to Jane and Alison, loved sister of Betty and Copper and loving grandmother of Andrew, Carolyn, Susie, Mike, Susie, Sara, Bruce, Bridget, Simon and Tamsin. The funeral service will take place at 12 noon on February 1st at St Nicholas Church, Remenham, Henley, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only to Tomalin of Henley, at 36 Reading Road. Donations, if wished, to Help the Aged, St James Walk, London EC1R 0BE.

**GUYNER.** – On January 26th 1985, suddenly at his home, Maurice Juniper. Funeral at St Andrews Church, Ham Common, at 1.00pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, 1.45pm, on Monday 4th February, 1985. *Family flowers* only. If desired donations to Kingston District Scouts Assoc. c/o Keene Marsland, 53 Mark Lane, EC3.

***HAIGH*** – on *January 29th* at Kendal Caridwen (nee Jones) formerly of Prestatyn and Penrhyndeudraeth, North Wales. Wife of the late William Haigh from Bradford. Enquiries to Kendal (0539) 20105.

**HOUSE.** – On January 27 after a short illness, Annette, aged 86 years, of Plympton, Plymouth, Widow of Albert House, formerly of Somerset School, Derby. Funeral Friday, February 1. Requiem Mass at St Maurice Church, Plympton, at 11am. No flowers please. *Donations in lieu to St Elizabeth's House of Rest, Plympton.* Enquiries to Walter Parson, Tel. Plymouth 343848.

***HUNT.*** – *On January 29,* Patrick of the Manor House, Beeston, Nottingham, tragically, aged 39. Dear husband of Jenny and beloved father of Imogen and Marcus. Service at Beeston Parish Church on Monday, February 4, at 12 midday, followed by cremation (men only) at Bramcote Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to N.S.P.C.C.

**IONIDES.** – On January 29th, peacefully, aged 65, Margaret Emily (Peggy), fourth daughter of Charles Bell Eustace Ford of Gray's Inn, devoted wife of the late Michael George Ionides, a dearly loved mother and grandmother, and a much beloved sister. Funeral at 11.30am on Thursday, 7th February, at Croydon Crematorium.

**JAGO.** – On January 29 after a long illness bravely resisted, Patrick Desmond, at his home Sheridon Lodge, Evercreech, Somerset. Husband of Jean, father of Michael, grandfather of James. Service at St Peter's Church, Evercreech, on Friday, February 1, at 2.30pm. Flowers to the house please.

## DEATHS

**PARS.** – On January 28, 1985, peacefully after a short illness, Leopold Alexander Pars, MA, ScD, aged 89. Life fellow of Jesus College, Cambridge, teacher and friend to many generations of pupils and colleagues. Funeral service at Jesus College Chapel, 2.15pm on Friday, February 8, followed by cremation. Memorial service later in Jesus College Chapel.

**PEPPERCORN.** – On January 28, peacefully at St George's Retreat, Ditchling Common, Sussex, Ida Alice, of Sunningdale. Beloved wife of Jim and mother of David and Yona. Requiem Mass on Friday, February 1, at Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale, at 11.30am, followed by burial at Englefield Green. All flowers and enquiries to J. & R. Matthews, Cuckfield, Sussex. Tel: (0444) 413055.

**PRIESTLEY.** – On January 28th 1985, peacefully after a short illness, Albert Ernest, in his 87th year, served 1914-18 in the Keyb. Leicestershire Yeomanry and N.S.C. for 40 years, a respected shopkeeper in Loughborough. Much loved father of Clive, father-in-law, grandfather and friend. Funeral service, Thursday 7th February, 10.30am, at Richmond Hill United Reformed Church, Bournemouth. Flowers to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, Bournemouth.

**PURVES.** On January 23, peacefully at Edenhall Nursing Home, Virginia. Beloved sister of Elizabeth and Heather. Private funeral, donations if wished to Edenhall (Marie Curie Foundation), 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, *London, NW3.*

**ROBB** – On January 28th, peacefully at home Dr Douglas Robb, much loved husband of Doris and father of Jane and Harriet. Cremation for family only – no flowers please, but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation. Thanksgiving service to be arranged.

**ROYSTON.** – On January 3, 1985, Frederic Royston, CBE of Bermuda, aged 78, major 4-7th Royal Dragoon Guards. Services by daughter Patricia Greves. Services were held 6th January, '85 in Bermuda.

**SPENCER** – On January 27th 1985, suddenly but peacefully, Brian Spencer, of Hove, Sussex, aged 62 years. Recently retired from H.M. diplomatic service. The most loving and beloved husband of Jean and father of Nigel. Sadly missed by friends all over the world. Funeral service at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Monday, February 4th, at 1.30pm. Family flowers may be sent to G Newman & Son, 3 Trafalgar St, Brighton and donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation.

**TYRWHITT-DRAKE.** – On January 28th, Thecla Barker, beloved wife of Francis. Funeral service at All Saints Church, East Meon, tomorrow, Friday, February 1st at 2.30 pm. *Family flowers only;* donations if desired to The Injured Jockeys Fund, c/o John Steel & Son Ltd, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester, Hampshire.

**ULLMAN** – On Friday 26th January, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, after a short illness, Elizabeth M. M. (Lisa). Funeral 2pm, St James Church, Weybridge on February 6th, followed by interment at Weybridge Cemetery. Flowers to F. W. Chitty & Co Ltd, 48 Elm Grove Road, Weybridge, or donations to Cancer Research Fund.

**WALLACE.** – On 29th January, peacefully, Mary Bryce (May), widow of Sir John Wallace and mother of Ian. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, on Friday 1st February, at 11am. Family flowers. No letters please.

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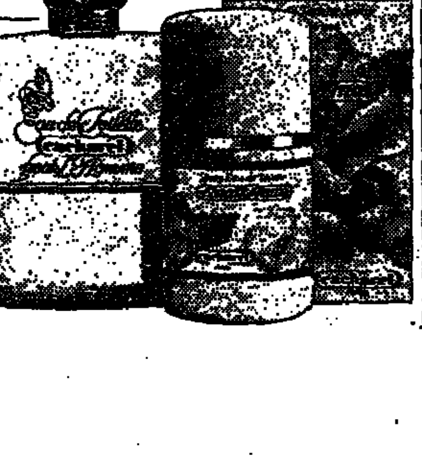
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**ACADEMY 2.** 437 5129. Satyajit Ray's THE HOME AND THE WORLD (U). Daily at 3.10, 5.45, 8.25.

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**CAMDEN PLAZA** 485 2443 (opp. Camden Town Tube). ALEX COX'S REPO MAN (18). Film at 1.15, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.05.

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**GATE BLOOMSBURY 1 & 2.** 837 8402/1177. Russell Sq. Tube. 1: THE COMPANY OF WOLVES (18). 2.00, 3.45, 5.30, 7.15, 9.00.

**LUMIERE CINEMA** 836 0691. St Martin's Lane WC2 (Nearest Tube Leicester Sq). A PRIVATE FUNCTION (15). Film at 1.00, 2.55, 4.50, 6.50, 9.00. "The Comedy of the Year" Daily Mail. Eve Perfs Bookable.

**LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE** (930 5252) THE TERMINATOR (18), Sep progs 1.00, 3.40, 6.25, 9.10. Advance Booking for 6.25, 9.10 Perfs. Telephone bookings with Access and Visa welcome.

**MINEMA KNIGHTSBRIDGE** 235 4225. Gerard Depardieu & Victor Lanoux in LES COMPERES (15) daily: 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. "Exactly the sort of movie at which the French excel" (Time Out) "Effective & foreboding" (S. Times) "Has authentic menace" (Standard).

**ODEON HAYMARKET** (930 2738). THE KEY (18) Sep progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10. All seats bookable in Advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

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**SCREEN ON THE HILL** 435 3366 (opp Belsize Pk tube). Eva Mattes in Fassbinder's A MAN LIKE EVA (18) 3.20, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10. Lic bar. Seats bookable.

**THE ELECTRIC SCREEN** 229 3694 (191 Portobello Rd. Tubes: Ladbroke Grove/Notting Hill. Buses: 7/15/28/27/31). Harry Dean Stanton in REPO MAN (18) 3.20 (not Sunday), 5.10, 7.10, 9.10. Fri/Sat 11.15.

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# Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

## BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.30 Breakfast Time with Selina Scott and Nick Ross. News from Debbie Rix 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27. Plus a review of the morning newspapers; a recipe from Glynn Christian; Zoe Brown's teenager report; and, from 8.30, Dr Richard Smith's phone-in surgery.

9.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Kate Copstick (r). 10.50 Ceefax.

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Julia Carter. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).

1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes holiday hints from Jill Crawshaw; and d-i-y expert Bill Eykyn with a report on his refurbishment of Pebble Mill's semi-detached house. 1.45 Bagpuss. A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

2.00 The Afternoon Show, presented by Barbara Dickson and Patti Coldwell. This week's edition includes items about healthy feet and on hysterectomies. The guest is Billy Connolly.

2.40 International Snooker. The first quarterfinal of the Benson and Hedges Masters is between Ray Reardon and Cliff Thorburn. David Icke introduces the best of nine frames match. 3.48 Regional news (not London).

3.50 Play School, presented by Brian Jameson, with guest Sarah Long. 4.10 The Family-Ness. Cartoon adventures of a family of monsters who live in one of Scotland's most famous lakes. 4.15 Jackanory. Tony Aitken with part three of the tale, Harry's Mad 4.30 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround.

5.00 Blue Peter celebrates the ninth birthday of Jack, the programme's silver tabby cat (Ceefax).

5.30 Doctor Kildare. Part four of the drama serial in which Kildare becomes involved in the emotional upheavals connected with the young doctors in his charge. 5.58 Weather.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Tomorrow's World. The latest developments in the worlds of science and technology.

7.20 Odd One Out, presented by Paul Daniels. Six contestants try to discover the word, picture or piece of music which is the odd one out.

7.50 Top of the Pops introduced by Peter Powell and Janice Long.

8.20 International Snooker. The second quarterfinal of the Benson and Hedges Masters. Jimmy White v John Spencer.

9.00 News with Julia Somerville.

9.25 Charters and Caldicott. Episode four and while on the golf course the two amateur sleuths discover that their old and late friend, Jock Beevers, was not, after all a spy but a smuggler of valuable icons. Starring Robin Bailey and Michael Aldridge (Ceefax).

10.15 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's panel consists of John Harvey-Jones, chairman of ICI; MPs Tony Newton and Gwyneth Dunwoody; and Sir Anthony Parsons, the former UK Ambassador to the United States and Argentina.

11.15 International Snooker. Highlights and the result of the second quarterfinal of the Benson and Hedges Masters, between Jimmy White and John Spencer.

12.10 Weather.

## TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain, presented by Ann Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.50 and 9.20; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Loyd Grossman in Brighton at 8.15; film reviews at 8.40; advice on baby's teething at 9.05. The guest is Ian Charleson.

## ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 For Schools: Roger McGough struggles with narrative. 9.48 Maths: rules. 10.06 Following a river from its source to the sea. 10.23 The structures and functions of the body. 10.40 History traced through fossils. 11.02 Maths: the number '3'. 11.14 The ways children grow. 11.31 Coping with sadness. 11.43 Using computers.

12.00 The Little Green Man. Adventures of a visitor from another world. Narrated by Jon Pertwee. 12.10 Mooncat and Co with guest, Pam Ayres (r). 12.30 The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the Second World War.

1.00 News at One. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama serial about the struggle to control a Californian wine-growing company. Starring Jane Wyman.

2.30 Daytime. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of topical importance. 3.00 Gems. Serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion design company. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Little Green Man. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 The Moomins. 4.20 Sooty with Matthew Corbett and guest, Anna Dawson. 4.40 Words, Words, Words. Educational entertainment. 5.00 Dangermouse. Animated series. 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.30 Thames Sport introduced by Steve Rider. England's injured Rugby Union captain, Nigel Melville, talks about his team's chances on Saturday against France at Twickenham; plus a preview to next week's European Figure Skating Championships in Gothenburg.

7.00 Knight Rider. Michael Knight and his special car with a mind of its own battle against the forces of evil.

8.00 Duty Free. Comedy series about two British couples on a package holiday in Spain (r).

8.30 Hotel. Drama series set in the luxurious St Gregory Hotel in San Francisco. Starring James Brolin and Anne Baxter.

9.30 TV Eye. Bingo – the game's up, examines the Bingo the Fleet Street papers play. Is it really a game of chance or is it fixed?

10.00 News at Ten followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Kojak. Telly Savalas stars as Theo Kojak, the tough, lolly-licking New York policeman, this week investigating the apparently motiveless murder of a petty car thief.

11.30 Cockney Darts Classic. The winner of this year's trophy, Frank Webb, representing the Prince of Wales, Plaistow, challenges the world champion, Eric Bristow. In the ladies' final Linda Curtis from Purfleet meets Eileen Jackson of Mill Hill. The celebrity challenging Eric Bristow is Arsenal footballer, Charlie Nicholas.

12.20 Night Thoughts from Mathoor Krishnamurti, executive director of the Institute of Indian Culture.



Susanna Reid and Harriet Walker, Channel 4, 9.30pm

● More in hope than expectation, the troupe of assorted entertainers summering in a chilly Cromer in THE END OF THE PIER SHOW (BBC 2, 9.30pm) rousingly belt out a ditty which says, inter alia, "farewell to the small time; this time it's the big time". The sad truth is that these are hard times for the latter-day pierrot, and Clem Vallance's documentary catches the odd glint of desperation behind the eyes of these singers, dancers, comedians and magic men who don't see the end of the pier as a structural terminal but as the closing of yet another chapter in the history of showbusiness. Outwardly, you could not hope to find a more resilient bunch of people that the Cromer concert party, brought together for 12 weeks at little more than £100 a week a head, and expected to do everything from being picked up by helicopter from a hostile North Sea as part of an air-sea rescue exercise, to the learning of dance routines that might be second-nature to dancers but, for everybody else in the troupe, can never be enything more than enthusiastic approximations.

## CHOICE

● To describe THE PRICE (Channel 4, 9.30pm), now into its fourth week, as a tale of a kidnapping and of the attempt to raise the huge ransom demanded, is like saying that *Hamlet* is a ghost story. Every new episode of Peter Ransley's thriller plumbs new psychological depths as the pendulum swings from hope to despair and back again. It is the most nerve-racking 60 minutes on television these nights, and the closing seconds of tonight's episode should guarantee that you will not get a good night's sleep unless you can persuade yourself that what you are watching is, after all, just make-believe.

● *Radio highlights: Solti and the* Chicago SO, live from the Royal Festival Hall, playing Shostakovich's ninth (Radio 3, 7.30pm) and Bruckner's ninth (8.20pm) as part of the Bicentenary celebrations of *The Times*. . . . As for Alison Leonard's play THE PENRHYN SUMMER (Radio 4, 3.00pm), set in slate-quarrying North Wales, so much vitriol is poured over the reputation of the rich who ruled the area at the turn of the century, that tourists visiting Penrhyn Castle will never again feel like "oohing" and "aaahing" with delight as they are shown the relics of a privileged past.

**Peter Davalle**

## BBC 2

9.00 *Ceefax.*

9.20 Daytime on Two: communications in Germany. 9.38 Travel and transport in France. 9.55 Communication and travel in Spain. 10.12 How fish move. 10.34 Do men like Andy Capp exist? 11.05 How the wind can affect people and the landscape. 11.30 The manufacture of everyday products. 11.55 Lesson three of the better badminton course. 12.20 Newsreels and television of the Fifties.

12.45 How people's working lives are affected by the recession. 1.20 Italian food and farming. 1.38 Safety first. 2.00 For the very young. 2.15 Music: the shape of melody illustrated by an alto saxophone and and a number of gymnasts. 2.40 Communicating with the public through advertising.

3.00 Ceefax.

3.45 International Snooker. The first quarterfinal of the Benson and Hedges Masters between Ray Reardon and Cliff Thorburn. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton.

4.55 World Ski-ing Championships from Santa Catarina, Italy. David Vine is the commentator for the Ladies Combined Downhill.

5.25 News Summary with subtitles.

5.30 Speak Out. Mike Smith and a studio audience of young people at Television Centre discuss, via satellite, the findings of a Gallup poll in Britain on the hopes and fears about the threat of nuclear war with young people at a studio in Moscow.

6.00 Monkey. Adventures of a group of pilgrims who, this week, reach Cartslow, once a thriving land, now oppressed by three wicked immortals (r).

6.40 100 Great Sporting Moments. Highlights from a pre-Sunday league cricket match featuring the International Cavaliers against a county side.

7.00 Film: Who's Got the Action? (1962) starring Dean Martin, Lana Turner and Walter Matthau. Comedy about a wife's efforts to cure her husband of his urge to gamble. Directed by Daniel Mann.

8.30 Out of Court, presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook.

9.00 The Mistress. Comedy series, written by Carla Lane, about a husband, Luke, and his affair with Maxine. Starring Jack Galloway, Felicity Kendal and, as Helen, the long-suffering wife, Jane Asher.

9.30 Forty Minutes: The End of the Pier Show. A documentary about one of the few remaining old-style pier entertainments – on the bracing Norfolk coast at Cromer (see Choice).

10.10 The Rockford Files. Part two of To Protect and Serve in which the amiable private detective is hired by a gangland lawyer to find his ex-fiancée (r).

11.00 Newsnight. Ends at 11.50.

## CHANNEL 4

2.30 The British at War. A series of British documentary and propaganda films of the Second World War introduced by Leslie Halliwell. The True Glory* (1945) is an Anglo-American documentary about the events in Europe from D-Day to the fall of Berlin. The directors are Carol Reed and Garson Kanin; A Defeated People* (1946), directed by Humphrey Jennings, is about the problems of physical and moral rehabilitation faced by the authorities in the British occupied zone of Germany. The Nose Has It finds Arthur Askey illustrating why the British are not to be sneezed at. Directed by Val Guest.

4.30 Countdown. The words and numbers game.

5.00 Film: Libel* (1959) starring Dirk Bogarde and Olivia de Havilland. Courtroom drama about a young member of the aristocracy who sues a newspaper for libel after they publish a letter claiming that the nobel baronet is a fraud. Directed by Anthony Asquith.

6.50 Neighbours. An award-winning animated film about the horrors of war. Made by Norman McLaren.

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment. With his views on a matter of topical importance is Alan Mattingly, national secretary of the Ramblers' Association.

8.00 Discovery. David Bellamy and Miranda Robertson examine the giant steps of progress made in the field of electronics.

8.30 Treasure Hunt. Phil and Margaret Swift from Clwyd are in the London studio passing on instructions to Anneka Rice who is skimming over the Sussex countryside.

9.30 The Price. Part four and, with the names of the kidnappers of his wife and step-daughter known to the police, Geoffrey Carr believes that he can get them back for a smaller ransom than the kidnappers originally demanded (see Choice).

10.30 Billiards – the Blue Arrow Masters. Game three is between Eddie Charlton and Ray Reardon.

11.15 Court Report on the Ponting Trial.

11.45 Assaulted Nuts. Fast moving comedy sketches and one-liners.

12.10 Hall of Mirrors. The fourth programme in the ten-part series presented by Professor James Mackey of the Thomas Chalmers Chair of Theology at the University of Edinburgh, on the world's great religions, examines the relevance of Judaism. Professor Mackey's guest is Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the British Commonwealth.

12.35 Closedown.

## Radio 4

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint. Listeners' complaints about injustice are investigated by Roger Cook (r).
9.30 The Living World. Wild-life Magazine.
10.00 News; Medicine Now.
10.30 Morning Story: The Other Side of Summer, by Jaci Stephen. Reader: Marilyn Le Conte.
10.45 An Act of Worship.†
11.00 News; Travel; Analysis (new series). The Governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, in conversation with Mary Goldring. (r)
11.48 Passing Trades? The last of five programmes – 'The Coal Merchant'. *Howard Whitehouse* talks to David Wilmott about his life as a coal merchant.
12.00 News; You and Yours.
12.27 Humour in Music. In the last of four programmes, Leonard Pearcey talks to the prolific composer Carl Davis.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes a feature in which wives with homosexual husbands talk to Andrea Adams.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: The Penrhyn Summer, by Alison Leonard. With Alexandra Mathie as the idealistic university student over whom hangs the long shadow of Britain's longest industrial strike. With Philip Rowlands.†
4.00 News; Enquire Within.
4.10 Bookshelf. Includes comment on a new book about Sir Thomas More. With Hunter Davies.
4.40 Story Time: 'The 27th Kingdom' by Alice Thomas Ellis. Abridged in seven parts. 4: 'Portents, Prodigies and the Untoward' (read by Elizabeth Proud).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News.
6.30 My Word! A panel game with chairman Michael O'Donnell.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers? with John Timpson.
7.40 International Assignment. Reports from BBC correspondents from around the world.
8.10 Plato to Nato. An introduction to political thought presented by Brian Redhead (5): Rousseau and *Smith. With Dr Robert Wokler*, University of Manchester, and Dr John Robertson, St Hugh's College, Oxford.
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners.
9.30 Ian Skidmore in the BBC Sound Archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes an item on the new film A Midsummer Night's Dream.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Second from Last in the Sack-Race' by David Nobbs (9). Read by Paul Copley.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News; Weather.
VHF (available in England and S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above, except: 3.02 Choirs in Conversation (with Ian Bradley). 3.40 Commons debate on the Government's handling of the sterling crisis; 10.00 Joins Kaleidoscope (on LW). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4; Measuring Up. 6: Planning Your Next Move. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

## Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Strauss's Sextet from Capriccio (string Orchestra version); Revueltas's Homenaje a Federico Garcia Lorca; Giuseppe Gabrieli's Canzon primi toni a 8; and Elgar's Sea Pictures (with Bernadette Greevy, contralto).† 8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Copland's Music for the Theatre; Oscar Strauss's Je t'aime quand meme (Three Waltzes) with Mady Mesple, soprano; Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4 (the Italian).† 9.00 News.†
9.05 This Week's Composer: Debussy. Music for four hands at the piano. Bernard Ringeissen and Noel Lee play the Petite Suite: Lindaraja; Six epigraphes antiques; En blanc et noir.†
10.00 Orchestral Music: Gothenburg SO under Kamu Play Grieg's Symphony in C minor.†
10.40 Tchaikovsky: Peter Donohoe, piano, plays the Sonata No 2 in G, Op 37.†
11.15 *Mozart and Prague*: Part one. David Thomas (bass) and Academy of Ancient Music (under Hogwood). Don Giovanni; recit and aria Alcando, io confesso, K 512; Six German Dances, K 509.†
11.45 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With Angus McDermid.
12.05 Mozart and Prague (contd): Recit and aria: Mentre ti lascio, K 513: Symphony No 38, K 504(Prague).† 1.00 News.
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Takashi Shimizu (violin) and Gordon Back (piano). Debussy's Sonata in G minor; Grieg's Sonata No 3 Op 45; Wieniawski's Original Theme and Variations, Op 15.†
2.00 Rossini: Petite Messe Solonelle. BBC Concert Orchestra. BBC Symphony Chorus (under Wright). Marie Slorach, Ameral Gunson, Graham Clark and William Shimell (soloists).†
3.30 Mozart and Brahms: Prussia Cove play Mozart's String Qunitet *in C, K 515; and Brahms's Piano* Quintet in F minor, Op 34.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Jeremy Siepmann's selections.†
6.30 Bandstand: Hanwell Band play Holst's March (A Moorside Suite); Edward Gregson's Connotations; Robert Farnon's une vie de matelot.†
7.00 Magnificat: BBC Singers (under John Poole) sing works by Byrd, Giles Swayne and Stanford.†
7.30 Chicago SO (under Solti). Part one. Shostakovich's Symphony No 9. From Royal Festival Hall. The Times Bicentenary Concert.†
8.00 John Shrapnel reads Frank Williams's translation of Zinovy Zinik's work. A Life Misspelt (1). Ten Days that Shook the World.
8.20 Concert: part two. Bruckner's Symphony No 9.†
9.30 Nature Preserved: Some of the world's leading conservationists discuss their work, from re-establishing near-extinct species in the wild to vaccinating antelope to make them acceptable to farmers. They will also discuss whether wild animals are really better bred than dead. With Colin Tudge.
10.00 Music in Our Time: Gregory Rose conducts Singcircle in music for voices and tape. Jonty Harrison's Rosaces 4; Stephen Montague's Tigida Pipa; and Jonathan Harvey's Come.†
10.55 Fitzwilliam String Quartet: Haydn's Quartet in C major Op 76 No 3; Fauré's Quartet in E minor, Op 121.†
11.57 News. until 12.00.
Medium wave only: 7.15 am Cricket: First day's play in the fifth and final Test at Kanpur Until 11.15 am.

## Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour, headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30.
4.00am Colin Berry† including 5.02 Cricket. 6.00 Ray Moore† including 6.02 Cricket. 8.05 Ken Bruce† including 9.02; 10.02 Cricket. 10.30 Jimmy Young† including 11.02; 12.02 Cricket. 1.05pm Sports Desk; David Jacobs† 2.00 *Gloria Hunniford†* including 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desks. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desks. 6.00 Paul Heiney† including 6.02 Sports Desk 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf) only. 8.00 Wally Whyton (country music, featuring Bobby Bare) 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 The Impressionists. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. Director Dick Lester talks to Marjorie Bilbow. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Art Farmer (the America jazz flugelhorn player).

## Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight.
6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Gary Byrd 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 *Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-*12.00am Into the Music.† VHF radios 1 and 2. 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00am With Radio 2.

### WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Short Takes. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Country Music Profile. 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Monitor. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 From the Promenade Concerts. 10.30 Two Cheers For January 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Sackbuts And Sinfonias 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Out on the Floor 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 9.15 A Jolly Good Show. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Mainstream. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 The Music of Life. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Art Of Gerald Moore 2.30 Jazz for The Asking 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Country Music Profile 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

**BBC1** Wales: 12.57-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 3.50-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Dr Kildare. 8.20-9.00 Week In Week Out. 12.10-12.15 Weather; News and weather. Scotland: 12.57-1.00 The Scottish news. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 12.10-12.15 News and Weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland news. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. England: 6.30-6.55 Regional news magazines.

**S4C** Starts 1.00 pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Ble?. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hwnt Ac Yma. 2.55 Interval. 3.25 Making of Britain. 3.55 In Search of Wild Asparagus. 4.20 A Plus 4. 4.50 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Scwbi-Dw. 5.25 Hanner Dwsin. 5.35 Mary Tyler Moore. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Peppino. 7.00 Newddion Saith. 7.30 Tro-I'd-Eidal. 8.05 Coleg. 8.35 Brannoeth y Ffair. 9.05 Spirit of Whitby. 10.00 Snwcer. 10.30 Film: Nightmare Alley (Tyrone Power). 12.30 am Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: 1.20 *News.* 1.30-2.30 New Avengers. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Keep It In The Family. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Starsky and Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.00 Rock of the Seventies. 12.05 am News. Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

## REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

**GRAMPIAN** As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Police News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.35 Starsky and Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.30 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. 11.00 Shelley. 11.30 About Gaelic. 12.00 Ten Green Bottles. 12.30 am News. Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 5.15-5.45 Keep it in the Family. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Starsky and Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.32 The Works. 11.10 Yellow Rose. 12.10am International Youth Year. closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 Space 1999. 3.30 4.00 Friends Of My Friends. 5.15-5.45 Captain Scarlet. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30 Police Six. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 'Starsky And Hutch'. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Falcon Crest. 11.55 News, *Closedown.*

**SCOTTISH** As London except 1.20pm News. 1.35-2.30 Love Boat. 3.30-4.00 Look Who's Talking. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Take The High Road. 7.30 8.00 All Kinds Of Country. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Keep It In The Family. 11.05 Report. 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Hart To Hart. 12.40am Closedown

**YORKSHIRE** As London except 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Picture Show. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Keep It In The Family 6.00 Calendar. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 'Starsky and Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Morecambe And Wise Show. 10.30 Live At City Hall. 11.00 Hardcastle And McCormick. 12.00 Closedown.

**ANGLIA** As London except 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.40-7.00 Crossroads. 10.30 Professionally Speaking. 11.00 Film: Reflection of Fear (Robert Shaw). 12.40 am Norfolk-New Guinea Return. Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Just Our Luck. 2.00-2.30 Adventurer. 3.30-4.00 The Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Keep It In The Family. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Starsky And Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.30 Falcon Crest 11.30 Great Fights Of The Seventies. 12.35am Closedown.

**TVS** As London except 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Shine on Harvey Moon. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Starsky & Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.30 Sporting Allstars. 11.00 Inn Quiz. 11.30 The Master. 12.30am Company. Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: 12.25pm World of Stories. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Starsky and Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.35 ECO. 11.05 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.10am Closedown.

**TSW** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West 6.35 Gardens For All. 7.05 Benson. 7.35 Starsky and Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free 10.35 Yellor Rose. 11.30 Struggle. 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

**CHANNEL** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Home Cookery Club 7.05 Benson. 7.35 Starsky and Hutch 9.00-9.30 Duty Free 10.35 Yellow Rose 11.30 Struggle. 12.00 Closedown.

**HTV** As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country *Practice. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes.* 6.00 News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.05 Emmerdale Farm. 7.35 Starsky and Hutch. 9.00-9.30 Duty Free. 10.30 Winter Outlook. 10.35 West This Week. 11.00 Shelley. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30am Closedown.

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: 6.00-6.40pm Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Wales This Week.

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COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258
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Ton't, Sat 7.30 Cinderella. Mon, Tues 7.30 The Sleeping Beauty. Ballet Cast-ing info 01-240 9815.
THE ROYAL OPERA
Tomor, Wed 7.30 La traviata.

## CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL Barbican Centre, EC2 01-628 8795/638 8891. Today 1.00 GBSO Symphony Orchestra Gaetano Delogu cond. Massimo Quarta violin. BERG: Violin concerto. Ton't 7.45 London Symphony Orchestra Edward Downes cond. Sally Ann Bottomley piano. BRAHMS: Tragic Overture. Symphony No 2. BEETHOVEN: Piano Concerto No 1. STRAVINSKY: The Firebird Suite.

## THEATRES

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# Talbot in oil-barter talks with Iranians

Talbot, the British subsidiary of Peugeot of France, is negotiating a barter deal with Iran to exchange car kits for oil.

It has had to consider the step to continue its long-term contract with Iran, which is unable to pay for imports because of a foreign exchange crisis.

Talbot admitted yesterday that delays in letters of credit from Iran were now causing concern with stocks of the car kits, based on the old Hillman Hunter model, building up at its Stoke plant at Coventry.

At Iran's request, a Talbot team has been in the country examining the possibilities of a barter arrangement.

Talbot said: "We fully understand their problems and if an oil barter deal would provide a resolution to these difficulties we are quite prepared to consider it."

It would be the first time the British group had entered into such an arrangement although "counter-trade" as it is called is now becoming an increasingly common feature of trade with Third World countries. It is understood Iran already operates a barter contract with Mercedes Benz for the supply of buses.

The contract with Iran, including spares, is worth £150 million a year to Talbot. Delays in receiving letters of credit last year forced the lay-off of 750 workers for six weeks. These problems contributed to the company slipping into the red to the tune of £1.8 million in the six months to last June.

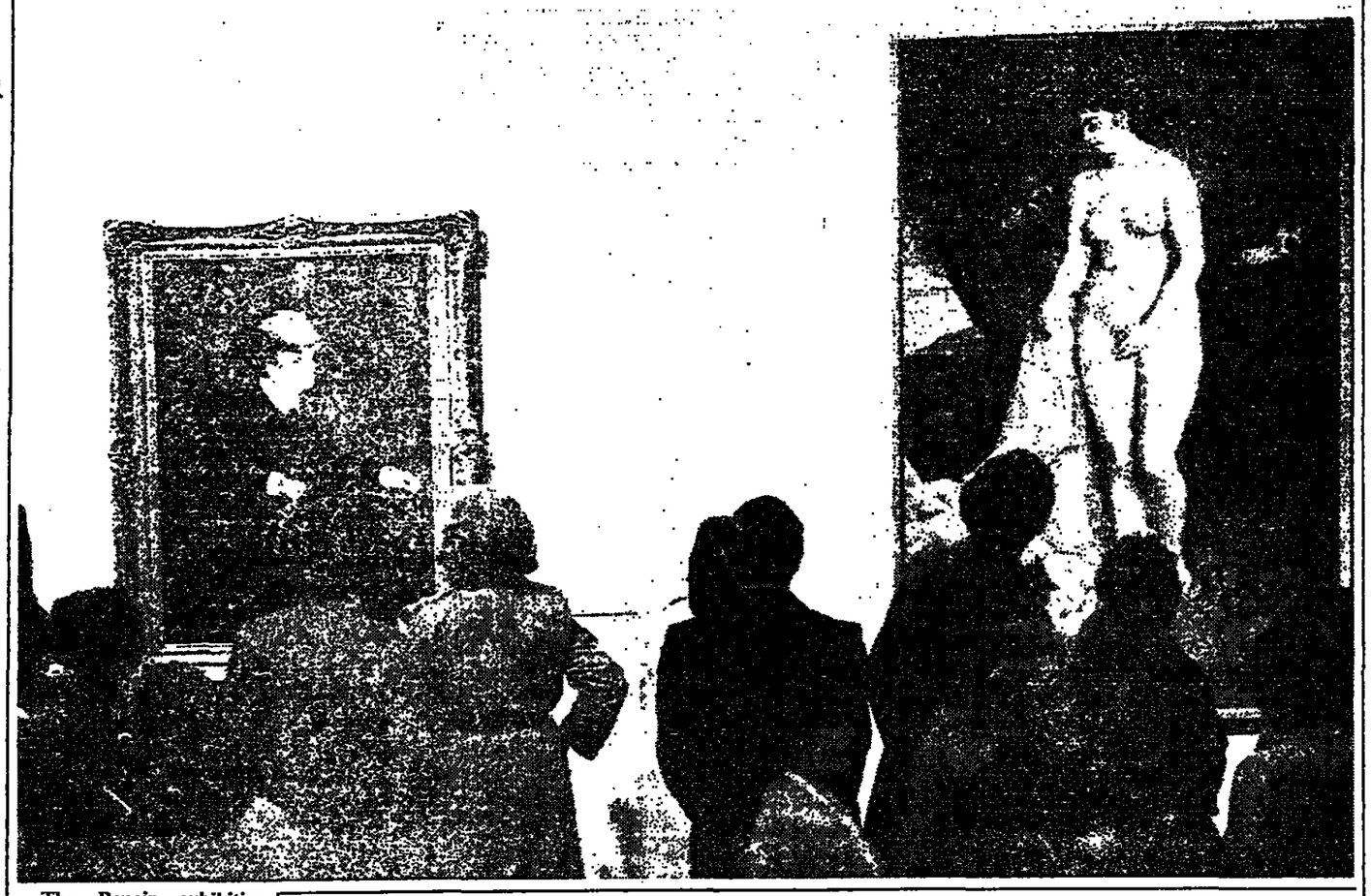
The company supplies about 87,000 kits a year to Iran. The last shipment of 6,000 units was despatched in December, since when the company's production lines have continued normally with stocks being built up.

Talbot refuses to speculate on the prospects of any lay-offs should the present difficulties not be resolved.

## Kirkpatrick quits

Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the controversial US ambassador at the United Nations for the past four years, announced that she would return to academic life in March.

# Renoirs of the world together at Hayward



**The Renoir exhibition *opened yesterday at the* Hayward Gallery, London.**

**The 127 paintings form one of the most comprehensive shows of his work and has been organized by the Arts Council in conjunction with France's Reunion des musées nationaux, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.**

**The paintings have been loaned from collections held *throughout the world*.**

**It includes "Woman in a garden", (left), known as Woman with a seagull feather, painted in about 1868; and Bather with a griffon, (right), painted in 1870.**

**(Photograph: John Voos).**

## Red Cross team ordered to leave refugee camp

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of which is in the possession of *The Times* – which reviewed their last days in the camp, when cholera patients were transferred from the general camp to an isolation block opened by the local authorities.

The document, which proves that reports of cholera were known to the Ethiopian Government over a month ago, is addressed to the League delegation in Addis Ababa. Again copies went to Geneva, Bonn and the Ethiopian Red Cross.

It begins: "When the isolation shelter of the local authorities was opened we started to move over the cholera patients: On December 26 – one patient; December 27 – 11; December 28 – 10; December 29 – 7."

The doctors portray a camp where the daily number of new arrivals is matched by those who have died.

On December 28, the report notes, an Ethiopian medical team of one doctor, one nurse and two health assistants arrived. The expatriate medical team left the next day.

## Cabinet view Stansted development as 'dead'

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ment motion, and then to ask its "payroll vote" of ministers and parliamentary private secretaries not to take part in the division, was taken because ministers saw no hope of winning the vote.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, opening the debate, said that if the House had voted on a substantive motion and expressed its opinion it could have been held to be seriously prejudicing the Government's quasi-judicial decision on the Stansted report.

But Mr Ridley said that the Government wished to resolve the issue as soon as possible. "There has been uncertainty about a third London airport for over 20 years."

He promised that after the Goverment's decision had been taken there would be a further Commons debate and vote.

But the Government's dilemma over airports policy was quickly underlined when Sir Humphrey Atkins, Conservative MP for Spelthorne and a former Cabinet minister, said that any plan to develop a fifth terminal at Heathrow would meet strong opposition.

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**Letter from Cape Town**

## An early taste of Westminster spirit

Apartheid came under fire in all three chambers of South Africa's first multi-racial Parliament here this week as three separate motions of no confidence in the Government were debated.

Indian and (mixed-race) Coloured MPs insisted they had decided to participate in the new system not because they approved of it but because they believed it could be used to dismantle the apparatus of racial segregation.

The 178 white MPs sit in the House of Assembly, their home of many decades. The 85 Coloureds who form the House of Representatives occupy the old Senate chamber, once the *sanctum sanctorum* of white rule and still guarded by an unsmiling statue of Queen Victoria.

Across the road, the 45 Indian MPs known collectively as the House of Delegates hold their debate in a converted office building while awaiting more dignified permanent accommodation.

Among local political reporters and parliamentary sketch writers, who spend their time flitting from one chamber to another, the House of Representatives has quickly established itself as the liveliest of the three shows in town. Mr David Curry, a senior member of the Labour Party, which won almost all the seats in the House last August, reminded his fellow Coloured MPs of the special historic irony of their proceedings.

It was in the very same Senate chamber 29 years ago that the Government gerrymandered the two-thirds majority needed to remove Coloureds from the voters' roll by increasing the number of seats and filling them with its own supporters.

"Nobody has to tell the Labour Party how much the Coloured people have suffered"; Mr Curry declared to cheers. "If they (the Government) think we have come here to decorate the furniture, they must have their heads read."

Proud to have black tribal ancestry "Hottentot blood is good blood," he asserted to further applause – Mr Curry wanted to make it clear that the Labour Party had entered the Parliament in order to fight "to bring our black brothers in".

The no confidence motion was moved by Mr Denis de la Cruz, the leader of the Coloured Opposition, which consists of himself and two other members. "I have been chosen by Almighty God for this honour," he began confidently. "Carry on, Moses," bellowed an irreverent voice from the backbenches.

There was no stopping Mr de la Cruz, however. He had them rolling in the aisles with his account of how he had recently tried to book into a whites-only hotel in the coastal resort of Knysna.

"I was clean, I had the wherewithal to pay and I was there with my own wife," he said plaintively.

The Westminster spirit is taking a little longer to infect the House of Delegates, where all is still icy decorum and politeness. On the first day there was a spot of bother over whether the *Bhagavad Gita* could fairly be described as the "Hindu Bible".

According to Mr Kassie Ramduth, Minister of Education in the Indian Ministers' Council, it could.

But Mr Pat Poovalingam, a wealthy attorney from the posh Reservoir Hills constituency in Durban, put him right.

"Hindus don't have a single book like the Bible" he said. "If the minister can say it is the bible of the Hindus when it manifestly is not, then what is the competence of the minister?

Proceedings in the White House of Assembly were a jejune affair. Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the liberal Progressive Federal Party, made his ritual attack on the inadequacy of the Government's reforms, while Dr Andries Treurnicht, high priest of the extreme right, claimed equally predictably that they "sounded the death knell" of white rule.

Most Government MPs dozed quietly on their green leather benches, occasionally hestirring themselves to shout the odd insult.

**Michael Hornsby**

## THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

### Today's events

**Royal engagements**

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, visits Bath College of Higher Education, Newton St Loe, 10.30.

The Duchess of Kent attends a concert to mark the Bicentenary of *The Times*, Royal Festival Hall, 6.55.

**Exhibitions in progress**

A Singular Vision: paintings of the figure by contemporary British artists: Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen St, Exeter: Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30 (ends Feb 23).

Anatolian Encounters: photographs of a journey across the Turkish Plateau by Stephen Scoffman and Christopher Trillo; Havant Museum, East St: Tues to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Feb 9).

**Last chance to see**

Turner watercolours: The Vaughan Bequest: National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Princes St, Edinburgh, 10 to 5.

Alan Ramsay poet and painter: Father and Son; and Child Poverty Action Group exhibition, National Library of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, 9.30 to 5.

The British Sporting Art Trust Prints: Dorset County Museum, Dorchester, 10 to 5.

Newfoundlands Impressions: Mid-Pennine Arts Association Gallery, 2 Hammerton St, Burnley, 9 to 5.

Illustrations of Antiquity: paintings and drawings of ancient rites and antiquities: Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, Oxford, 10 to 4.

**Music**

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Pavilion, Weymouth, 7.30.

Concert by the Ulster Orchestra: Rialto Cinema, Londonderry, Northern Ireland, 8.

Concert with John Georgiadis (violin) accompanied by Pilar Fernandez (piano): Newton Abbot Community Centre, Kingsteignton Rd, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta, South Wilts Grammar School for Girls, Salisbury, 7.30.

Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra: Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30.

Recital by Christopher McCracken (piano), Anna Noakes (flute) and Dina Bennett (piano): Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Sq, Winchester, 1.05.

Recital by Takashi Shimizu (violin) and Gordon Back (piano): St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra: Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, 7.45.

Recital by Ariel: Virginia Rushton (soprano), Colin Lawson (clarinet) and Marion Rapier (piano): Clothworkers' Centenary Concert Hall, Leeds University, 1.10.

The Lads in Their Hundreds: recital of English song in commemoration of the First World War, by John Potter (tenor) and Stephen Banfield (piano): Concert Hall, Glasgow University, 1.15.

**Talks, lectures**

Facts into fiction, by Alanna Knight, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, 12.45.

Has a cell got rights? by Dame Mary Warnock: Curtis Auditorium, School of Physics, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 5.30.

Contemporary expressionism at home and abroad, by Mary Rose Beaumont: Royal Scottish Academy Library, The Mound, Edinburgh, 6.

### Anniversaries

**Franz Schubert** was born in Vienna, 1797.

Deaths: Guy Fawkes with three fellow conspirators was hanged, drawn and quartered, London 1606: **Charles Edward**, the **Young Pretender**, Florence, 1788.

The Leviathan (Great Eastern) was launched at Wapping, 1858.

### Portfolio

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### New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

**Laughable Loves**, by Milan Kundera, translated by Suzanne Rappaport, introduced by Philip Roth (Penguin, £2.95)

**Peace**, by Gene Wolfe (Chatto & Windus, £3.95)

**The Anubis Gates**, by Tim Powers (Chatto & Windus, £3.95)

**The Village by the Sea**, by Anita Desai (Penguin, £2.50)

NON-FICTION

**Alan Turing: The Enigma of Intelligence**, by Andrew Hodges (Unwin Paperbacks, £5.95)

**Montaigne, a biography**, by Donald M. Frame (North Point/Scolar, £12.95)

**Political Trials in Britain. From the Past to the Present Day**, by Peter Hain (Penguin, £3.50)

**The Knight, The Lady and The Priest**, The Making of Modern Marriage in Medieval France, by Georges Duby, translated by Barbara Bray (Penguin, £5.95)

**The Mind of an Ape**, by David Premack and Ann James Premack (Norton, £6.25)

**The Treasure of the City of Ladies, or the Book of the Three Virtues**, by Christine de Pisan, translated with an introduction by Sarah Lawson (Penguin, £2.95)

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### Roads

**Wales and West: A40/42: Newport:** Lane closures and delays at the junction with A48 Kingsway/George St. **A449:** Two sets of contraflow at M4 (junction 24) from Coldra to Usk. **A40:** Contraflow on Westgate gyratory system, Gloucester; diversions signed; delays.

**The North: A688:** Road closure in Bishop Auckland due to the construction of the market place western link road. **A534:** Major resurfacing work on Crewe Rd, N of Crew at Winterley; temporary traffic lights. **M6:** Lane restrictions on both carriageways between junctions 32 and 33 (M55 and A6).

**Scotland: M80:** Southbound lane closed N of junction 5. **A726:** Bridge construction and road realignment at Bransford bridge N of M8 (junction 29); Single line traffic with lights. **A90/4:** Road improvement between the M9 (junction 6) and Falkirk: delays likely Mon to Fri.

*Information supplied by the AA*

### Ferry services

Motorists and passengers travelling to the continent are advised to telephone ferry operators before setting out. Industrial action by seamen and officers is causing disruption to ferry services at Portsmouth and could spread to Dover.

### Travel information

British Telecom's pre-recorded **Traveline** service gives regularly updated information on travel in Britain and on the Continent, including details of weather conditions, strikes or other problems likely to affect travellers. Rail: 01-246 8030; Road: (including coach services) 01-246 8031; Sea: 01-246 8032; Air: 01-246 8033. For regional codes, see front of dialling code booklets.

### The papers

The **Daily Express**, commenting on today's censure debate in the House of Commons, says: "Mr Neil Kinnock, quite legitimately, is seeking to exract maximum political capital from Mrs Thatcher's embarrassment over the sinking pound and rising interest rates, though his attack will take in all aspects of economic policy." The paper adds, however, that "the Government's hold on power remains secure while the opposition remains so split and ineffectual and it's policies so destructive."

The **Daily Mirror** says that the Government will win today's vote of censure in the House of Commons "for the simple reason that if it lost it would no longer be the Government". But it adds "what it cannot win is its argument".

### Parliament today

**Commons** (2.30): Debate on the Royal Air Force.

**Lords** (3): Administration of Justice Bill, committee, first day.

### The pound

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 1.43 | 1.36 |
| Austria Sch | 25.80 | 24.60 |
| Belgium Fr | 74.20 | 70.70 |
| Canada $ | 1.545 | 1.475 |
| Denmark Kr | 13.19 | 12.54 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.76 | 7.36 |
| France Fr | 11.25 | 10.70 |
| Germany DM | 3.70 | 3.52 |
| Greece Dr | 159.00 | 148.00 |
| Hong Kong $ | 9.15 | 8.55 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.194 | 1.134 |
| Italy Lira | 2280.00 | 2170.00 |
| Japan Yen | 298.00 | 283.00 |
| Netherlands Gld | 4.18 | 3.98 |
| Norway Kr | 10.68 | 10.18 |
| Portugal Esc | 199.00 | 189.00 |
| South Africa Rd | 2.50 | 2.25 |
| Spain Pta | 203.50 | 193.50 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.54 | 10.04 |
| Switzerland Fr | 3.095 | 2.956 |
| USA $ | 1.187 | 1.117 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 288.00 | 288.00 |

Retail Price Index: 358.5

London: The *FT* Index closed up 25.5 at 986.7.

### Snow reports

| | Depth (cm) L | U | Piste | Conditions Off Piste | Runs to resort | Weather (5 pm) – | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Davos | 40 | 150 | good | varied | fair | cloud | 1 |
| Good skiing on upper slopes | | | | | | | |
| Flaine | 80 | 230 | good | heavy | good | cloud | 2 |
| Good skiing everywhere | | | | | | | |
| Ischgl | 20 | 100 | fair | varied | poor | cloud | 4 |
| Worn patches on many slopes | | | | | | | |
| Kitzbuhel | 15 | 40 | fair | varied | poor | snow | −1 |
| Worn patches on all runs | | | | | | | |
| Les Arcs | 45 | 115 | good | powder | good | snow | 1 |
| New snow on good base | | | | | | | |
| Megeve | 65 | 120 | good | heavy | fair | fine | 3 |
| Slush on lower slopes | | | | | | | |
| Saas Fee | 40 | 170 | good | heavy | poor | fine | −1 |
| Good pistes upper slopes | | | | | | | |
| Sauze D'Oulx | 55 | 95 | good | varied | fair | fine | −5 |
| Skiing excellent | | | | | | | |
| Tignes | 80 | 110 | good | powder | fair | fine | −5 |
| Powder on hard base | | | | | | | |
| Villars | 10 | 80 | good | heavy | fair | cloud | −5 |
| Skiing excellent | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. Other snow reports page 19.

# Weather forecast

**Depression moving E from Atlantic to pass to N of Scotland; strong W airstream over British Isles.**

**6 am to midnight**

**London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands:** Rain at times slowly clearing; wind strong SW; max temp 11C (52F).

**East Anglia, Midlands, E, central N England, S Wales:** Some rain at first bright periods developing; wind SW fresh to strong; max temp 11C (52F).

**N Wales, NW, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen:** Bright periods, isolated light showers; wind SW strong; max temp 10C (50F).

**Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** Bright intervals and scattered showers, heavy at times; wind W strong; max temp 9C (48F).

**NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Heavy showers or longer periods of rain; wind SW strong; max temp 7C (45F).

**Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday:** Changeable but mainly mild.

**SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover:** Wind SW veering W; fresh to strong, perhaps gale force later; occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea moderate or rough. **English Channel (E):** Wind SW fresh or strong; occasional rain; visibility moderate or poor; sea moderate or rough. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind SW veering W strong to gale force; occasional rain; visibility moderate or good; sea rough.

Sun rises: 7.41 am Sun sets: 4.48 pm

Moon sets: 3.22 am Moon rises: 11.34 am

Full Moon: February 5.

### Lighting-up time

London 5.18 pm to 7.09 am
Bristol 5.28 pm to 7.19 am
Edinburgh 5.14 pm to 7.38 am
Manchester 5.20 pm to 7.24 am
Penzance 5.44 pm to 7.26 am

### Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | c | 9 | 48 | Guernsey | c | 9 | 48 |
| Birmingham | c | 7 | 45 | Inverness | f | 7 | 45 |
| Blackpool | c | 8 | 46 | Jersey | c | 9 | 48 |
| Bristol | c | 9 | 48 | London | c | 8 | 46 |
| Cardiff | c | 9 | 48 | Manchester | c | 9 | 48 |
| Edinburgh | r | 9 | 48 | Newcastle | f | 7 | 45 |
| Glasgow | r | 8 | 46 | Roseldaway | c | 9 | 48 |

### London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.13in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1022.5 millibars
1 000 millibars=29.53in.

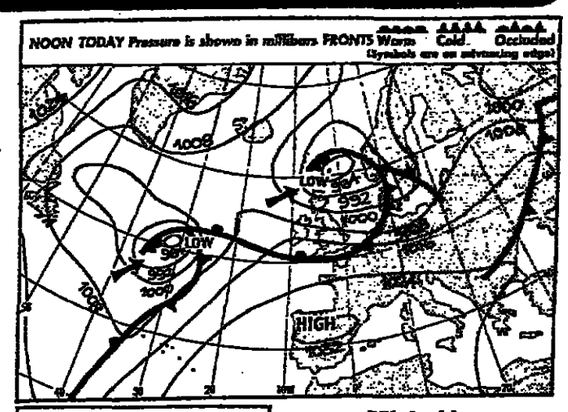
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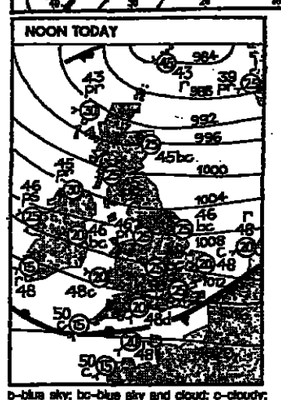
Yesterday: Highest day temp: RAF Chivenor 13C (55F); lowest day max: Lerwick/Kirkwall 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Stornoway 0.65in; highest sunshine: Folkestone 5.5hr.

### Times world-wide

Noon in London is: 7 am in **New York**; 4 am in **San Francisco**; 9 pm in **Tokyo**; 11 pm in **Canberra**; 2 pm in **Johannesburg**; 4 pm in **United Arab Emirates**; 3 pm in **Kenya**; 1 pm in **Nigeria**; 3 pm in **Moscow**; 8 pm in **Hong Kong**.

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

### High tides

TODAY

| | AM | HT | PM | HT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 6.37 | 5.4 | 9.22 | 5.5 |
| Aberdeen | 9.01 | 3.2 | 9.12 | 3.2 |
| Avonmouth | 1.28 | 9.5 | 2.20 | 9.6 |
| Belfast | 8.38 | 2.7 | 7.07 | 2.7 |
| Cardiff | 1.13 | 8.9 | 2.05 | 9.1 |
| Devonport | 12.18 | 4.2 | 12.45 | 4.2 |
| Dover | 5.57 | 5.1 | 7.00 | 4.9 |
| Falmouth | | | 12.15 | 4.9 |
| Glasgow | 7.28 | 4.0 | 8.25 | 3.9 |
| Harwich | 6.21 | 3.2 | 7.23 | 3.0 |
| Holyhead | 5.48 | 4.2 | 6.12 | 4.3 |
| Hull | 12.57 | 5.8 | 1.45 | 5.5 |
| Ilfracombe | 12.27 | 8.5 | 1.12 | 8.5 |
| Leith | 9.59 | 4.2 | 10.15 | 4.3 |
| Liverpool | 6.14 | 6.9 | 6.50 | 7.1 |
| Lowestoft | 4.17 | 1.9 | 5.37 | 1.9 |
| Margate | 6.52 | 3.7 | 7.42 | 3.7 |
| Milford Haven | 12.50 | 4.9 | 1.31 | 5.0 |
| Newquay | | | 12.31 | 5.2 |
| Oban | 12.35 | 2.9 | 1.56 | 3.1 |
| Penzance | | | 12.02 | 4.2 |
| Portland | 12.33 | 1.4 | 1.03 | 1.3 |
| Portsmouth | 6.30 | 3.7 | 7.15 | 3.5 |
| Shoreham | 6.08 | 4.5 | 6.50 | 4.5 |
| Southampton | 6.09 | 3.6 | 6.46 | 3.5 |
| Swansea | 12.57 | 7.0 | 1.37 | 7.0 |
| Tees | 11.30 | 4.1 | 11.43 | 4.1 |
| Walton-on-Naze | 6.32 | 3.1 | 7.21 | 3.2 |

Tide measurement is metres: 1m=3.280ft.

### Around Britain

| | Sun hr | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EAST COAST** | | | | | |
| Scarboro | – | .02 | 8 | 46 | Dull |
| Bridlington | – | .08 | 8 | 46 | Cloudy |
| Cromer | 0.7 | .47 | 8 | 46 | Cloudy |
| Lowestoft | 2.2 | .25 | 9 | 48 | Bright |
| Clacton | 3.4 | .12 | 8 | 46 | Sunny am |
| Margate | | .09 | 11 | 52 | Bright am |
| **SOUTH COAST** | | | | | |
| Folkestone | 5.5 | .15 | 11 | 52 | Sunny am |
| Hastings | 3.1 | .14 | 8 | 46 | Fog am |
| Eastbourne | 4.2 | .22 | 9 | 48 | Bright |
| Brighton | | .01 | 7 | 45 | Rain |
| Worthing | – | .15 | 8 | 46 | Cloudy |
| Littlehampton | | | | | |
| Bognor R | – | .16 | 7 | 45 | Fog am |
| Southsea | – | .18 | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Swanage | 0.9 | .16 | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Shanklin | 2.2 | .15 | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Bournemth | 0.2 | .13 | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Poole | – | .09 | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Swanage | 0.2 | .18 | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Weymouth | 0.3 | .09 | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Exmouth | 0.1 | .01 | 11 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Teignmouth | 1.8 | .03 | 12 | 54 | Bright |
| Torquay | 0.4 | .06 | 11 | 52 | Bright |
| Falmouth | 2.5 | – | 12 | 54 | Bright |
| Penzance | 2.8 | .01 | 12 | 54 | Bright |
| Jersey | 1.4 | .07 | 11 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Guernsey | 1.2 | .04 | 11 | 52 | Bright |
| **WEST COAST** | | | | | |
| Scilly Isles | 1.3 | .11 | 11 | 52 | Drizzle |
| Newquay | 1.8 | .01 | 11 | 52 | Bright |
| Ilfracombe | 2.8 | .02 | 12 | 54 | Sunny am |
| Tenby | 0.6 | .01 | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Colwyn Bay | 0.5 | .03 | 11 | 52 | Cloudy |
| Southport | 1.7 | .06 | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Morecambe | – | .02 | 10 | 50 | Dull |
| Douglas | – | – | 8 | 46 | Cloudy pm |
| **ENGLAND AND WALES** | | | | | |
| London (Clr) | 0.5 | .14 | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| B'ham (Airpt) | – | .20 | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Bristol (Clr) | 1.7 | .11 | 11 | 52 | Bright |
| Cardiff (Clr) | 0.9 | .02 | 11 | 52 | Bright |
| Anglesey | – | – | 9 | 48 | Drizzle pm |
| B'pool (Airpt) | 1.1 | – | 9 | 48 | Cloudy |
| Manchester | 0.1 | .06 | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Nottingham | – | .16 | 8 | 46 | Cloudy |
| N'cstl-u-Tyne | 0.6 | – | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Carlisle | | | | | |
| **SCOTLAND** | | | | | |
| Eskdalemuir | | | | | |
| Prestwick | – | .06 | 10 | 50 | Rain am |
| Glasgow | – | .05 | 10 | 50 | Rain am |
| Tiree | – | .12 | 10 | 50 | Rain |
| Stornoway | – | .65 | 9 | 48 | Rain |
| Lerwick | 0.2 | .02 | 6 | 43 | Rain pm |
| Wick | – | .16 | 7 | 45 | Rain |
| Kinloss | 0.1 | .01 | 9 | 48 | Showers |
| Aberdeen | – | – | 7 | 45 | Drizzle pm |
| St Andrews | – | – | 10 | 50 | Cloudy |
| Edinburgh | 0.1 | – | 10 | 50 | Rain am |
| **NORTHERN IRELAND** | | | | | |
| Belfast | 0.5 | – | 11 | 52 | Cloudy |

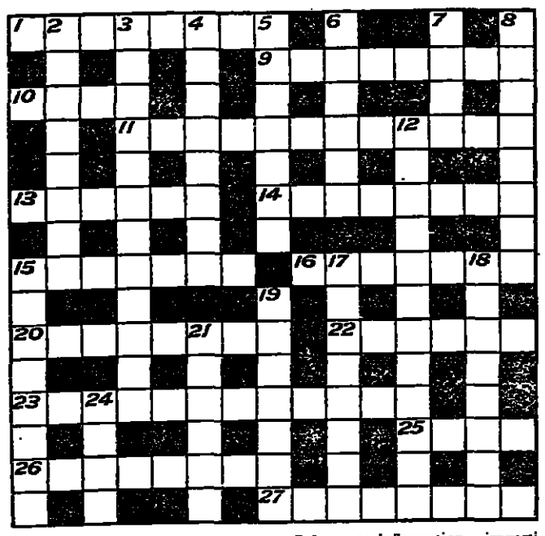
### Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

| | C | F | | C | F | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | s | 13 | 55 | Cologne | c | 9 | 48 | Majorca* | s | 14 | 57 | Rome | s | 13 | 55 |
| Alicante | c | 17 | 63 | Copenhgn | c | 3 | 37 | Malaga* | s | 18 | 64 | Salzburg | r | 1 | 34 |
| Alexandria | | | | Corfu | f | 15 | 59 | Malta* | f | 15 | 59 | Sao Paulo* | c | 28 | 82 |
| Algiers | f | 15 | 59 | Dublin | r | 11 | 52 | Melbourne | f | 32 | 90 | S Francisco* | f | 5 | 46 |
| Amsterdam | s | 8 | 46 | Dubrovnik | s | 13 | 55 | Mexico C | | | | Santiago* | s | 29 | 82 |
| Athens | f | 8 | 46 | Faro | s | 18 | 61 | Milan* | c | 22 | 72 | Seoul | s | −9 | 16 |
| Bahrain | s | 21 | 70 | Florence | s | 9 | 48 | Milan | c | 0 | 32 | Singapore | r | 24 | 75 |
| Barbados* | f | 28 | 82 | Frankfurt | f | 10 | 50 | Montreal | sn | −9 | 15 | Stockholm* | sn | −2 | 28 |
| Barcelona* | f | 18 | 64 | Funchal | f | 17 | 63 | Moscow | c | −4 | 25 | Strasbourg | r | 0 | 48 |
| Beirut | r | 14 | 57 | Geneva | c | 5 | 41 | Munich | r | 4 | 39 | Sydney | s | 29 | 84 |
| Belgrade | s | 5 | 41 | Gibraltar* | s | 18 | 61 | Nairobi | f | 28 | 82 | Tangier* | f | 15 | 59 |
| Berlin | c | 6 | 43 | Helsinki* | sn | −1 | 30 | Naples | s | 13 | 55 | Tel Aviv | s | 18 | 64 |
| Bermuda* | f | 19 | 66 | Hong Kong | c | 15 | 59 | New Delhi | s | 20 | 68 | Tenerife* | s | 21 | 70 |
| Biarritz* | c | 13 | 55 | Innsbruck | c | 0 | 32 | New York* | f | 2 | 36 | Tokyo | s | 3 | 37 |
| Bologna | f | 8 | 46 | Istanbul | r | 5 | 41 | Nice | f | 12 | 54 | Toronto* | c | −5 | 23 |
| Bordeaux* | d | 12 | 54 | Jiddah | s | 29 | 84 | Oslo* | c | −1 | 30 | Tunis | c | 14 | 57 |
| Brussels | f | 8 | 46 | Jo'burg* | f | 23 | 73 | Paris | f | 11 | 52 | Valencia* | s | 17 | 63 |
| Budapest | c | 2 | 36 | Karachi | s | 24 | 75 | Peking | s | −1 | 30 | Vancouver* | s | 1 | 34 |
| Buen Aires* | c | 27 | 81 | Las Palmas* | s | 22 | 72 | Perth | s | 28 | 82 | Venice* | s | 6 | 43 |
| Cairo | s | 20 | 68 | Lisbon | s | 12 | 54 | Prague | c | 2 | 36 | Vienna | sn | 0 | 32 |
| Cape Tn | s | 22 | 72 | Locarno | o | 1 | 34 | Reykjavik | c | −3 | 27 | Warsaw | sn | −1 | 34 |
| C'blanca* | f | 14 | 57 | L Angeles* | s | 11 | 52 | Rhodes | s | 14 | 57 | Washington* | s | 2 | 36 |
| Chicago | | | | Luxembg | s | 8 | 48 | Riyadh | f | 22 | 72 | Wellington* | s | 22 | 72 |
| Ch'church* | f | 20 | 68 | Madrid* | c | 5 | 41 | Rio de Jan | r | 26 | 79 | Zurich | c | 3 | 37 |

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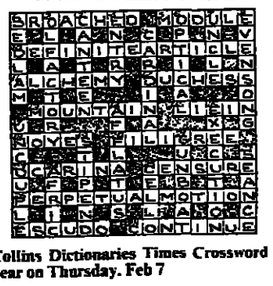
ACROSS

1 Drink going to one's head before the rest (8).
9 Opposition to change is a natural response (8).
10 Squared two oarsmen (4).
11 It's a job to provide degrees for advanced student (12).
13 Protect one artist (6).
14 Even so, I'd come a cropper in sudden fall (4,4).
15 Radical standard warning (3,4).
16 Insult a figurehead with assurance (7).
20 Scotland's breakfast TV programme (8).
22 About to follow eccentric once again (6).
23 Stamina shown by the Ancient Mariner (7-5).
25 Cold start of winter month? Just the reverse (4).
26 Businessman takes capital from King – Cole? (8).
27 Assiduous dieting goes wrong with pound added (8).

DOWN

2 Great soldier sometimes found in velvet glove? (4,4).
3 Musician's craft attacked in US Civil War (7,5).
4 Sidecars intoxicated unfaithful heroine (8).
5 Issue no information – impertinently inquire about it (7).
6 Start of crossing to the French, is this? (6).
7 Oral expression of wish for continued existence? (4).
8 Blue as result of depression about church (8).
12 Stressing team's poor performances? (12).
15 Last part of letter I sent responded to attack (8).
17 Demand Bard's release, showing our power to decide (4,4).
18 Nature provides these lights, and not the Navy (8).
19 Spotted type of sign to West's partner (7).
21 Present in London at exhibition (6).
24 Green cheese mountains? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,648



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